

Sermons of Walter Stafford Swetnam, PhD (1900 – 2000)

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LABOR OF LOVE

"FOR GOD IS NOT UNRIGHTEOUS TO FORGET YOUR WORK AND LABOR OF LOVE..." - HEB. 6:10

INT. - "DO YOU PROMISE... WORK OF CH...?"

I IF WE LOVE GOD, WE SHOW IT BY OUR WORK

I. WE WANT TO DO THINGS FOR HIM

A. PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP *Make the*

B. MAKE OURSELVES MORE EFFECTIVE THRO

STUDY, PRAYER

C. SERVE GOD'S PEOPLE, HERE, EVERYWHERE

2. WE SHOW BY PERSONAL SERVICE, CLEAN CH

TEACH SS, HELP PEOPLE IN SICKNESS OR NEED

3. AND, BEC. OURS IS A "MONEY ECONOMY"

WE DO MOST OF IT THRO OUR GIFTS

1. LABOR OF LOVE IS LABOR STILL

1. DON'T IMAGINE IT IS ALWAYS EASY, PLSN

2. JUNIOR CHOR AT ARCOLA *Conn. 10/10/78*

3. OVERLOOK CHURCH \$5000 CHALLENGE GIFT

4. JIMMY NEWTON, "IF I DIDN'T KNOW IT

DEPENDS ON ME..."

1. LOVE NEVER ENDS

1. NO PLACE TO SAY, "NOW I'VE DONE ENOUGH"

2. BEC. GOD'S LOVE FOR US NEVER ENDS

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"THE WRATH OF MAN SHALL PRAISE THEE"

-- PS. 73:10

INT. - "ANGRY YOUNG MEN" - "WRATH OF MAN

... RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD"

1. GOD'S POWER MADE EVIDENT THRO HUMAN WRATH

1. FUTILE RAGE OF ENEMIES - PS. 2 - "WHY DO

NATIONS RAGE?" QUOTED BY EARLY XIANS WHEN

OPPOSITION STRONG - IMPLIED IN 1 COR. 1:26FF

2. EVIDENT TO PEOPLE OF GOD WHEN VICTORIOUS

AG WORLD POWER OVERWHELMING - ISR. AT RED SEA,

SENACCHERIB - LUTHER - MIGHTY FORT - CORREGIDOR

3. EVIDENT TOO WHEN GOD ALLOWED ENEMIES TO

TRUMP - NEBUCHADNEZZAR

1. EVIL, BORN OF MAN'S WILLFULNESS, MAY BE

MEANS OF ACCOMPLISHING GOD'S PURPOSE

1. KING OF ASSYRIA MY SERVANT

2. L. A. RIOTS - NOT RIGHTEOUS PROTEST AS

INJUSTICE, BUT UNLAWFUL VIOLENCE - SERVED TO

SHAKE COMPLACENCY OF US PEOPLE

3. FRENCH, RUSSIAN, REVOLUTION - DESTRUCTION,

NEEDLESS BLOODSHED, ATHEISM SEEMED TO TRIUMPH,

BUT MIGHTY BLOW STRUCK FOR LIBERTY, AG PRIVILE

4. WAR - ALWAYS WRONG - BETTER LET TYRANNY,

AGGRESSION GO UNOPPOSED?

5. SLAVERY - UNSPEAKABLE CRUELTY OF SLAVE TR.

BUT WOULD AMER. NEGROES REVERSE *JUST IF POSSIBLE*

6. CRUCIFIXION - WOULD WE UNDO *IT?*

1. WHAT SHALL WE DO THEN?

1. TENNYSON, "....HOPE THAT GOOD... FINAL END OF..."

2. ROM. 3:5-8 - DO EVIL THAT GOOD MAY COME?

CERTAINLY NOT - RATHER, DO OUR BEST, TRUSTING

GOD WILL USE IT, HOWEVER WEAK AND INEFFECTIVE

IT MAY SEEM - NOT SAY, "NO MATTER IF I'LL DOWN",

BUT NOT DESPAIR WHEN OUR BEST EFFORTS SEEM FAIL

3. PRAYER IN AC 4 - "LET US SPEAK OUT BOLDLY,

LET GOD WORK AS HE WILL"

4. AND WHATEVER COME TO PASS, KNOW THAT GOD

IS STILL THE RULER, EVEN WRATH OF MAN CAN ONLY

MAKE THAT MORE EVIDENT

5. Book of Rev. *The Lord God and his people*

Con. In midst of terrors of the

"WE KNOW THAT IF THE EARTHLY TENT ...BE

DESTROYED...HOUSE NOT MADE WITH HANDS.....

ETERNAL IN THE HEAVENS." - 1 COR. 5:1

INT. - THE SANDS OF TIME - PAUL WROTE

AFTER NARROW ESCAPE, 1:8

1. OUR EARTHLY TENT

1. PAUL WAS A TENTMAKER, HENCE THE FIGURE

2. IS IT "MADE WITH HANDS"? YES, IN SENSE

THAT OUR BODIES COME THRO HUMAN REPRODUCTIVE

PROCESSES, GROW THRO BODY CHEMISTRY

3. OUR BODIES DO WEAR OUT - ARM OR LEG MAY

BE AMPUTATED, INT. ORGANS REMOVED, TEETH

EXTRACTED - SOME FEEL SYMPTOMS OF HEART

FAILURE OR ONCOMING SENILITY - SOME FASTER

SOME SLOWER, ALL WEAR OUT - "NONE THING AT

LEAST IS CERTAIN - THIS LIFE FLIES"

4. BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT -

MORE TO US THAN THIS "TENT"

1. WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "SOUL"?

1. NOT A SEPARATE ENTITY - AS USED IN SS,

SOUL IS PERSON, INCLUDING THE BODY

2. ALL OUR DEVELOPMENT BECOMES PART OF US

- SKILLS, LEARNING, THINKING, LOYALTY, TRU

KINDNESS, COMPASSION, FAITH, HOPE, LOVE -

2. ALL BECOME PART OF THE PERSON

3. THEY COME ABOUT THRO BODY CHEMISTRY,

ELEC IMPULSES IN BRAIN, BUT BECOME INDESTR

PART OF WHOLE PERSON

4. BODY DAMAGED, SKILLS LOST, BRAIN DAM.

MEMORY OBSCURED OR LOST, EXPRESSION CHNGD;

BUT PERSON STILL SAME - BODY DESTROYED,

PERSON SURVIVES

5. SPIRITUAL BODY - GOD IS SPIRIT, WE CAN

SEE, BUT MORE REAL THAN ANY OF US - WE BEC

UNITED TO HIM, DEATH CAN'T DESTROY

1. IMMANUEL'S LAND

1. NOT UNCLOTHED, BUT CLOTHED UPON - "STHO

ADDED - STREAMS ON EARTH I'VE TASTED..."

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; HE WHO COMES TO SHALL NOT HUNGER, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER THIRST."

---JOHN 6:35

INT. - ~~CONFUSION~~ FEEDING 5000
HE GAVE THEM BREAD FROM HEAVEN...ATE...DEAD
I GIVE US THIS BREAD ALWAYS

1. "YOU FOLLOW...ATE...AND WERE FILLED"
2. "GIVE ME THIS WATER...COME HITHER TO DRAW"
3. SAME NOW AS THEN, OH, YES, I WANT THIS, IT WILL MAKE THINGS EASY FOR ME. I WANT THIS CHEAP INSURANCE, SAY I BELIEVE (STHG I NEVER THOT MUCH ABOUT), MAKE A FEW PROMISES, (WHICH I HAVE NO INTENTION OF KEEPING) AND I'M IN, SAVED BY THE BLOOD, MY NAME WRITTEN THERE!
- 11 I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

1. NOT "I WILL GIVE THE BREAD", BUT I AM BRO.
2. QUOTE FR. AUGUSTINE
3. WHEN WE FEED ON HIM, HE DOESN'T BECOME PART OF US, WE BECOME PART OF HIM.
4. ARE WE WILLING TO BE PART OF HIM?

"GOD SO LOVED... FINE! JESUS LOVES ME... BUT WHEN WE REALIZE HE LOVES COM. CHINA, BLACK PANTHERS, ARE WE STILL WILLING TO BE PART OF HIM, NOT TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE...?"
"I CAME, NOT TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE..."
WE ARE WILLING ENOUGH FOR HIM TO SERVE US, TO DIE FOR OUR SINS, EVEN TO SERVE OTHERS, BUT ARE WE WILLING TO BE LIKE HIM, PART OF HIM, GIVING OURSELVES IN LOVE AS HE DID?

INT. - ~~CONFUSION~~ THIRST
5. FOOD FOR GROWN MEN - GROW AND EAT - "OH, I LEARNED YESTERDAY".

- 111 NEVER HUNGER... THIRST
1. NOT IN SENSE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH, DON'T WANT MORE - "WE TASTE THEE, O... LIVING BREAD..."
2. BUT IN SENSE THAT WE NEVER AGAIN SUFFER FOR LACK OF IT - WE ALWAYS HUNGER, THIRST, ALWAYS FILLED.
3. COMMUNION, SYMBOL OF THIS - TAKE IT - NOT A "GROWN MAN" YET? TAKE IT, HOWEVER UNWORTHY - HE WANTS US TO TAKE IT - WANTS US TO GROW, TO BE PART OF HIM.

THE BLESSING

"WHATEVER HOUSE YOU GO TO STAY AT, BEGIN BY PRAYING A BLESSING ON IT. THEN, IF ANYONE THERE IS DESERVING OF A BLESSING, YOUR BLESSING WILL REST UPON HIM; BUT IF NOT, IT WILL COME BACK UPON YOURSELVES." ---LUKE 10:5-6, 20TH C.

INT. - GULF STATION IN ALA.

1. THE BLESSING - PEACE - ~~BLM~~
1. PEACE, HARMONY, CONCORD - THIS IS BLESSING
2. "SON OF PEACE", NONE WHO DESERVES BL." - I.E., ONE DISPOSED TO RECEIVE GOD'S BL., NOT ONE GOOD ENOUGH TO DESERVE IT
3. IF NOT, BL. IS NOT LOST, IT BECOMES A BL. TO GIVER; AND IF RECEIVED, IT BECOMES STILL MORE A BLESSING TO THE GIVER

4. JESUS, BL. THOSE WHO CURSE YOU", ROM. 12:11
"BL. ...PERSECUTED I PET. 3:9 "NOT RET. EVIL FOR EVIL OR REVILING... RATHER BLESSING" THEY MAY CURSE ALL THE MORE, BUT BL. COMES ON US IF THEY REJECT IT

5. "BLESS THE LORD, (MY SOUL" - BL. TO GOD, WHO SURELY DOES RECEIVE IT, BECOMES STILL MORE A BLESSING TO US WHO GIVE IT

- 11 SHOWERS OF BLESSING -- EZEK. 34:22-27
1. BLUE BLESSING BOXES - ~~BL. in what God gives~~
2. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, BLESS, DO GOOD, THAT YOU MAY BE LIKE THE FATHER ~~not anti-anti-anti~~

3. JESUS LOOKED ON THOSE WHO OPPOSED HIM IN ANGER, GRIEVED BY THE HARDNESS OF THEIR HEARTS STMS HE HAD TO TELL THEM IN PLAIN LANGUAGE HOW MUCH THEY WERE WRONG, STILL LOVED, BLESSED
4. TO BE LIKE GOD, LIKE JESUS, LOVE, BLESSED
- 111 THE BENEDICTION

1. BENE DICEPE, TO SPEAK GOOD - ECO 10:4 "TO INVOKE THE BLESSING OF GOD ON THE PEOPLE"
2. FINAL WORD IN WORSHIP SERVICE, NOT JUST A FORM TO END IT
3. NOT DEC. MINISTER HAS SPOL POWERS, GOD HAS
4. IF WE RECEIVE IT HUMBLY, REAL BLESSING IF WE ARE INATTENTIVE, IMPATIENT, ANGRY, WE DEPRIVE OURSELVES OF WHAT GOD GIVES.

GOD DOES NOT LIMIT THE GIFT (20th C.)
"HE WHOM GOD HAS SENT UTTERS THE WORDS OF GOD; FOR IT IS NOT BY MEASURE THAT GOD GIVES THE SPIRIT."

--- JOHN 3:34

INT. - IT STARTED WITH ARGUMENTS ABT BAPTISM
1. HE WHOM GOD HAS SENT UTTERS WORDS OF GOD
1. JOHN WAS TALKING ABOUT JESUS - AND ABOUT JOHN 8., AND ABOUT HIMSELF AND OTHERS

2. SCRIPTURE WRITERS UTTERED WORDS OF GOD - CONCEPT OF INSPIRATION, INFALLIBILITY - WORD OF GOD, ONLY INFALLIBLE RULE OF FAITH AND LIFE
- ARE SAMSON'S EXPLOITS PART OF INFALLIBLE RULE OF LIFE? OR PSALMS OF IMPRECAATION? 137 OR ABRAHAM'S VACILLATION, OR DAVID'S TREACHERY - EVEN JEREMIAH CURSES HIS ENEMIES

3. JUDE QUOTES FROM HENOKH", MATTHEW GETS HIS PROPHETS MIXED UP

4. BUT IN SPITE OF HUMAN FAILINGS, THEY DO UTTER WORDS OF GOD, AND ALL TOGETHER ESTABLISH AN INFALLIBLE RULE OF FAITH AND LIFE

11. HE WHOM GOD HAS SENT - LIMITED TO SS WRITERS
1. JEROME, AUGUSTINE, LUTHER, CALVIN, WESLEY

- DID THEY NOT UTTER WORDS OF GOD?
2. AND MINISTERS, WHO STUDY THE WORD, PRAY FOR GUIDANCE OF SPIRIT, PROCLAIM GOSPEL, DO THEY NOT SPEAK FOR GOD? (NOTWITHSTANDING THEY DON'T ALL AGREE) SOUNDS EGOTISTICAL, BUT I THINK I DO ~~feel it, but we can't feel it~~

3. AND LOWLY SS TEACHERS, OFTEN LITTLE TRNG OR KNOWLEDGE, WHO DO THEIR BEST, ALSO UTTER WORDS OF GOD, IN SPITE OF MISTAKES - ~~not in~~
- 111 GOD DOES NOT LIMIT THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

1. DIVERSITIES OF GIFTS - GOD GIVES AS HE SEES FIT - "NOVOT EARNESTLY THE BEST GIFT" MOM - "WHETHER PROPHECY, ... PROPHECY, ACC..."
2. "BY THE GRACE OF GOD I'LL BE THAT MAN"
3. BUT WE CAN'T ALL BE MOODY, OR GRAHAM, OR EVEN ME!
4. BUT GOD DOES NOT LIMIT THE GIFT, AND WE CAN BE MORE THAN WE'VE EVER DREAMED - ON WHAT A THING HAS COME TO PASS

THE CHURCH

What through the CHURCH the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known." - Eph. 3:10

Read Eph. 3:7-12; 4:1-9; 11-16

Int. "Those whom we unchurch, and...us"

I The Kingdom of God

1. Jesus came preaching the Kingdom - people thought he meant a political kingdom - "My K2 is not of this world."

2. "The Church...visible K. of Grace" Book of Church Order - "Visible" and "Invisible"

3. "Where two or three..." - If X is there, it is the church, whether outward org. or no

4. But it needs an outward organization, just as a ~~body~~ spirit needs a body

II Organization and Government of Church

1. Members, those who have professed their faith, and declared their loyalty to X, who is King and Head of the church - and been baptized, as outward sign of cleansing from sin by his Holy Spirit

2. Officers - Given by X, either directly, as apostles, or through choice of people, under guidance of Spirit

3. Elders, set apart to exercise spiritual authority, deacons, chosen to serve

4. Some elders, who have made sufficient preparation, designated as teaching elders, or ministers. Sacraments entrusted to these

5. Government by councils - at first, the apostles, acting in council; then, apos. and elders, finally, after apostles gone, elders

6. Councils guided by the Spirit, but not infallible - Conf. of Faith, 27:4-6

III Church and State

1. In OT days, no line of demarcation - prophets told kings what to do, kings ordered celebration of religious observances

2. NT days, church lived under hostile, or at best neutral govt. Ch. had its life, members owed loyalty to govt. and esp. to X

3. After Constantine, back to OT attitude

4. Reformers, Get back to NT - church and state separate, neither interfere with other

AFTERTHOUGHT ON EASTER

THE WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON, BUT GAVE HIM UP FOR US ALL, WILL HE NOT ALSO GIVE US ALL THINGS WITH HIM?" -- ROMANS 8:32

INT. - IN ADVENT WE REMEMBERED HOW GOD SENT HIS SON TO SHARE HUMAN LIFE; IN PASSION WEEK HOW HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR US, AT EASTER THE CULMINATION, THE ASSURANCE OF HIS LOVE

1. WHY DOES GOD DO ALL THIS FOR US?
1. BECAUSE WE ARE HIS CHILDREN - "IF YOU, EVIL, GIVE GOOD THINGS, HOW MUCH MORE....."
2. DO WE DESERVE ANY OF THIS?

A. NO, IN SENSE THAT WE DID ANYTH TO EARN
B. YES, IN SENSE THAT WE ARE HIS CHDN

3. ANALOGY OF CHDN IN HOME, OR AWAY AT COLLEGE
- SOME NEED, RECEIVE, MORE THAN OTHERS - GIVING RESPONSIBILITY

4. GOD MAKES US HIS CHDN, GIVES US RESP.
11 WILL HE NOT GIVE US ALL THINGS?

1. PARENTS ARE LIMITED IN WHAT THEY CAN GIVE. GOD IS NOT -- OR IS HE? CHARLOTTE WANTED \$5 BUSFARE HOME

2. STMS CHDN ASK SELFISHLY, PARENTS SAY NO, OR OUGHT TO - ANN LANDERS, BOY ASKED STRAWBERRIES FROM MOTHER'S SHORTCAKE

3. BUT WHAT CAN WE EXPECT HIM TO GIVE?
A. HIS LOVE, UNLIMITED, NEVER CAST US OUT, NO MATTER WHAT WE DO

B. PROVIDENTIAL CARE
C. INCREASING FELLOWSHIP, INC. RESPONSIBILITY
111 WHAT CAN GOD EXPECT OF US?

1. GROWTH IN HIS LIKENESS
2. INCREASING APPRECIATION OF HIS LOVE
3. RECOGNITION OF HIS OTHER CHDN, OUR BROTHERS

- JOHN 11:52, "NOT NATION ONLY, GATHER INTO ONE CHDN...SCATTERED" - EVEN ONES WHO DON'T KNOW, DON'T CARE, STILL HIS CHDN

4. FAMILY WITH PETARDED CHILD
5. HOWEVER RETARDED, REBELLIOUS, LOST, ST
HIS CHDN. THAT IS WHY "LOVE ONE ANOTHER" IS IMPORTANT, NOW WE TREAT OUR BROTHER VITAL

"HE IS OUR PEACE....." -- EPH. 2:14

INT. - MY FIRST COMMUNION SERVICE, V. 13
I PEACE BETWEEN JEW AND GENTILE

1. "YOU WHO WERE FAR OFF ARE MADE NEAR...."

2. SOME JEWS STILL DENIED IT, BUT TRUE

3. PAUL WAS NOT IN PEACEFUL SITUATION; IN PRISON, CHARGED WITH SEDITION

NOT A PRISON MAKE"(LOVELACE) - "EVERY GOOD PHILOSOPHY FOR THOSE OUTSIDE" (COMIC STRIP)

4. HIS COMMITMENT TO X GAVE HIM PEACE

5. HOSTILITY ABOLISHED, NOT BY FIGHTING OR ARGUMENT, BUT BY THE CROSS - GIVING HIMSELF

11 THE INDO CHINA WAR

1. EASY TO TAKE COMFORT IN THEOLOGY OR HISTORY AND OVERLOOK OUR OWN SITUATION - PEACE TODAY?

2. "WHENCE COME WARS AND FIGHTINGS? FROM OUR OWN SELFISH DESIRES - INDIVIDUAL OR NATIONAL

3. THE PASSION FOR NATIONAL "SECURITY" - MORE PLANES, SUBS, MISSILES, BOMBS..... STRATEGY IN VARIOUS PARTS OF WORLD

4. IS INDO CHINA WAR MY FAULT? I AM PART OF A NATION THAT BELIEVES THAT MIGHT MAKES RIGHT

5. "FACE IS ME, I AM UNDONE.....PPL OF UNCLEAN"

6. "WHO WAS THE GUILTY.....I CRUCIFIED THEE"

111 HE IS OUR PEACE

1. X IS LORD OF ALL, (WE SAY WE BELIEVE) OF JEW AND GENTILE, ARAB AND RUSSIAN, BUDDHIST AND MOSLEM, BLACK AND WHITE, COMMUNIST AND FASCIST AND "DEMOCRAT"

2. OUR PEACE IS IN COMMITMENT TO HIM; BUT IF OUR ENEMIES DON'T ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, WHAT DO WE DO? KILL THEM?

3. JESUS SAID, "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES" NONSENSE? WHAT DID HE DO? HE LOVED THEM. WHAT DID THEY DO? THEY KILLED HIM ON A CROSS

4. WAS JESUS RIGHT NOT TO FIGHT? (12 LGNS OF ANGELS)

IV WHAT CAN WE DO?

1. COMMIT OURSELVES ANEW, REPENT, INDIVIDUALLY

2. SAY, "I CAN'T LOVE MY ENEMIES, BUT I'LL TRY"

3
X
2

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

MORE THE LOVE OF X CONTROLS US, BECAUSE WE ARE CONVINCED THAT ONE DIED FOR ALL; THEREFORE ALL HAVE DIED, AND HE DIED FOR ALL, THAT THOSE WHO LIVE MIGHT LIVE NO LONGER FOR THEMSELVES, BUT FOR HIM WHO FOR THEIR SAKE DIED AND WAS RAISED." -- 11 COR. 5:14-15

INT. - IF, AS SOME SAY, WE ARE CRAZY, IT IS BECAUSE WE ARE SERVING GOD; IF (AS WE MAINTAIN) WE ARE SANE,.....SERVING YOU.

1 JESUS SAID, "I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE".

1. THE FATHER IS FATHER OF ALL, LOVES ALL

2. THE SON IS ONE WITH FATHER IN LOVE

3. HIS HUMAN NATURE MAKES HIS LOVE BOTH MORE AND LESS THAN THE FATHER'S:

A. LESS BEC. HE WAS LIMITED, COULD BE IN ONLY ONE PLACE AT A TIME, KNOW PERSONALLY ONLY A FEW;

B. MORE BEC. THOSE HE COULD KNOW WERE REAL BROTHERS, HE WAS ONE OF THEM, EVEN OF OUTCASTS AND SINNERS

4. THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR ALL WAS THE SAME AS THE SON WHO "COUNTED NOT EQUALITY....GRASP HUMBLED HIMSELF....SERVANT....DEATH ON THE CROSS"

11 ONE DIED FOR ALL, THEN ALL DIED

1. "BAPTIZED....INTO HIS DEATH"

2. WE SAY, "HE DIED IN MY PLACE, SO I DON'T HAVE TO DIE", BUT HE DIED TO MAKE ME PART OF HIMSELF; WHEN HE DIED, I DIED TOO

3. HE BECAME ONE OF US, TOOK OUR SIN ON HIMSELF; WHEN HE DIED, ALL HUMANITY DIED

4. HE DIDN'T DIE TO MAKE THINGS EASY FOR US; BUT TO MAKE US ONE WITH HIMSELF

111 HIS LOVE CONTROLS US

1. IF WE ARE ONE WITH HIM, AND HE CARES ABOUT THE LOST, OUTCAST, HUNGRY, PRISONERS, CAN WE BE INDIFFERENT TO THEM?

2. "....NOT HENCEFORTH LIVE TO OURSELVES...." HIS LOVE CONTROLS US - WE WOULD LIKE TO CARE ONLY ABOUT CLEAN, LAW AND ORDER PEOPLE, BUT HE CARES FOR ALL PEOPLE

3. RECONCILING WORLD TO HSELF - WHEN WE KNOW

IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK

"MY HOUR IS NOT YET COME....." - JOHN 2:4

WAS THERE NOT TWELVE HOURS? - JOHN 11:9

FOR THIS PURPOSE CAME I TO THIS HOUR! 12:27

INT. - "TIME FLIES, YOU SAY, AH, NO

TIME STAYS, ALAS, WE GO."

1 MY HOUR IS NOT YET COME

1. JESUS WAITED TILL 30 YRS OLD TO BEGIN HIS MINISTRY, THEN HIS MOTHER THOT, "IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO ANYTHING, NOW IS THE TIME" (WHAT DID SHE EXPECT HIM TO DO?)

2. HIS BROTHERS 8:6 DID NOT BELIEVE; THEY TAUNTED HIM, "SHOW YOURSELF - ADVERTISE"

3. THE HOUR FOR THAT NEVER DID COME. YOUR HOUR ALWAYS HERE - TIME OF SELFISHNESS, OF UNBELIEF, OF CONTEMPT.

4. FOR THOSE IN UNBELIEF, REJECTION, TIME IS ALL LOST; FOR THOSE WHO FEEL MOVED TO YIELD TO GOD, NOW IS ALWAYS THE ACC. TIME

11 ARE THERE NOT TWELVE HOURS?

1. CRYPTIC STATEMENT - LET US WALK....DAY, I.E., LET US DO WHAT NEEDS DOING, UNAFRAID

2. LET US MAKE USE OF THE TIME - BUDGET OF TIME, USING IT AS GOD'S GIFT, FOR HIM.

3. HOW MUCH FOR WORK, REST, RECREATION, HOW MUCH FOR WORSHIP? 166 HR. IN WEEK, 2, MAYBE 1 1/2, FOR CHURCH, 1 1/2 APPROX. ENUFF?

4. AND DO WE CHISEL THIS DOWN BY ABSENCE, TARDINESS, ETC? 10 OR 12 AFTER LONG PRAYER

5. "CHEATING....JUST O. YRSELF" NO, CHEATING SCHL, TOHR, YRSELF - HERE, ROISING GOD, CHURCH AND YRSELF

111 IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK

1. FOR THIS PURPOSE....THIS HOUR

2. DAY HOUR - 5TH, DECISION, TRIAL, RESP

"I HAD FAINTED, UNLESS I HAD BELIEVED TO SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING." -- PSALM 27:13

INT. - IDEA CAME IN PRAYER, BEFORE IT WAS WRITTEN DOWN PHONE RANG - TWO GIRLS KILLED IN WRECK

1 (I HAD FAINTED) UNLESS I HAD BELIEVED....

1. SERIES OF ACCIDENTS, SICKNESSES, SUDDEN DEATH - EARL KENT, J. NEWTON, E. NEWTON, J. WALKER, JOHN RUSSELL, EFFIE RUSSELL, ELMO WALKER, ELSIE RUSSELL, TOM KENT.....

WAYNE ANDERS, SYLVIA EVANS, M. EVELYN CARL STAFFORD, NANCY DESMOND, NOW THESE.....

2. WE BELIEVE IN GOD, NO PROBLEM HERE

3. WE BELIEVE, WE MUST BELIEVE HE IS SOVEREIGN - ELSE NAUGHT BUT BLIND CHANCE

4. BUT CAN WE BELIEVE THAT HIS WILL IS GOOD? ONLY SO CAN WE ENDURE THESE THINGS

11 ANSWERS IN SCRIPTURE

1. ISA. 40:28 - "WHY SAYEST THOU...." THE LORD HAS FORGOTTEN? I THINK OF GOD'S POWER, HE CALLS THE STARS, HE WON'T FORGET YOU."

2. EZEKIEL 24:15 FF, WIFE DIED, NO MOURNING BEC. SIGN OF GREATER LOSS, JERUS; GREAT SIN, GREAT PUNISHMENT, BUT GOD'S LOVE GREATER STILL, 36:25-28

3. ANSWER OF PAUL - EPH. 1:3 FF, HE WAS IN PRISON, 3 YRS. OR MORE, GETTING OLD, WORK INTERRUPTED, "BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER, CHOSEN US....DESTINED US IN LOVE TO BE HIS SONS.... MADE KNOWN TO US....PLAN FOR FULLNESS OF TIME....HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR HEARTS GUARANTY"

111 I HAD BELIEVED TO SEE.....

1. HEB. 11:27, MOSES ENDURED AS SEEING.... STEPHEN DID SEE; WE DON'T, BUT

2. SPIRIT IN OUR HEARTS, WE BELIEVE,.....

Michael

"This is my blood of the covenant..."

--Matt. 26:28

Int. - Covenant life - Covenant of God did not come into being idly - deadly serious, in blood of X

I Blood - a Symbol of Life

1. Of preoccupation w/ blood - prohibition of eating it - it is the LIFE!

2. Marvel of our bodies - blood, a living stream in us - we may lose a portion and still live - too much, death!

3. Blood can bring life, too - transference

II Without Shedding Blood, no Remission

1. In OT, covenant established w/ sac -

"cut" - every subsequent sac a reminder

2. These sac served to show what God is like, his demands for holiness, his forgiving grace

3. God accepted death of animal, not, as some would say, bec he delighted in blood, SOME sort of blood, ANY blood; but as outward sign of fact that God's demands are NEVER met, only his mercy spares his people

4. Impossible (Heb. 10:4) to blot out sins

.. TAKE AWAY sin - Thus Ps. 40, 51. et al

III My Blood of the Covenant

1. God made a covenant, took a people to be HIS people, to be made holy like him

2. EVERY sacrifice was a proof, reminder of it - every observance of Passover, etc

3. In X these found fulfillment, in his death ALL sac completed

4. "The Spirit, when He is come... bring all things to remembrance." The Spirit brings to reality this remembrance, not just wine, MY BLOOD

of the covenant

AUTHORITY IN THE CHURCH

"...D... does not acknowledge my authority

II John 9

Int. - III J. "Them little Johns"

I Apostolic Authority

1. Who were apostles? 11+ Matthias

Paul? (Gal. 1:1) James the Bro?

(Gal. 1:19) Apollos? Who were the

"superlative Apostles" in II Cor.

12:11, 11:12ff?

2. Not clear in 1st cent. what

apostolic authority was - Council

Acts 15, "apostles and elders".

3. Writer does not call hself Apol

but elder

4. Apostolic succession - "Every-

body laid hands on everybody else.

II Hierarchy in Church

1. Elders and bishops - Acts 20

2. Distinction soon appeared in

church/bet. pres. and epis.

3. Prominent bishops had great

prestige, esp. Bishops of Rome -

but after Constantine less in East

4. Under imperial govt., church

drifted into imperial hierarchy

5. Reformers rejected this system

in whole or in part - Ep., Pres. Conf.

III Doctrines... Put hself first...

1. Bonhoeffer, Ribiery et al - Big

Mac truck gets right of way

2. "Memrod" - may be beneficial -

I Pet. 5:3

3. "Hard example" 28 Feb 1980 - 28 March

not always wise in choosing leaders

"earnestly desire the higher gifts."

-- I Cor. 12:31

Int. - Mothers' Day - honoring our mother with a gift - girl recited Catechism

I We best "mar" our Parents by becoming

What They Want Us to Be

1. Or, what they ought to have wanted -

father, nonsense going to col - honor more

by exceeding what they expect

2. Parents live for their child, what they

WANT is most important thing for parents

3. Esp. becoming Men, prof. of faith

II Desire the Best Gifts

1. "Rep... prophesy" - the ministry, other

church vocations

2. Prayer - cultivate habit of private

prayer, facility for public prayer - Y.P.

devotional, try to do it yourself, instead

of reading Day by Day

3. Scripture, read systematically, become

familiar with it, memorize select portions

4. Catechisms

5. Music - instrumental or vocal - learn

to make effective use in church - choir

6. School work - straight A's - Min. Study Guide

III Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. All these, and many more

2. but NO gift comes independent of our

effort

3. We must first DESIRE them, then by long

effort realize them, to our own profit,

the honor of our parents, and glory of

THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

WHAT CAN A MAN GIVE IN RETURN FOR HIS LIFE?
--- MARK 8:37

INT. - "THOU ART THE XN BUT THAT MEANT NOT EARTHLY GLORY, BUT GIVING, AS GOD GAVE IF ANY MAN WOULD COME AFTER ME...."

1. TO THE MULTITUDE, NOT JUST THE TWELVE
2. NOT TO TAKE THE PLEASANT THINGS, LEAVE OFF THE DIFFICULT

3. GIVE UP OUR OWN WAY, TAKE UP CROSS....
IF WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT.....FORFEIT LIFE?

1. LIFE IS A PRECIOUS GIFT, WORTH MORE THAN EVERYTHING ELSE.

2. TRUE OF PHYSICAL LIFE, HOW MUCH MORE OF THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT ENCOURAGING FOR EVER! *Don't, pursue, ya - Nathan Hale*

3. WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT? - MAN WHO CAUGHT THE RABBIT

III JESUS SAID, "WHAT CAN A MAN GIVE?"

1. BECAUSE THIS LIFE IS GOD'S GIFT TO US
WHAT CAN WE GIVE FOR IT? - *To parents*

2. WE DON'T GIVE ANYTHING TO EARN IT, BUT WE RECEIVE IT ONLY AS WE GIVE LIKE ITSELF. *X died for us - who can we give?*

3. SOME PEOPLE SAY, "IT'S A GIFT, I'LL TAKE IT, GIVE LITTLE OR NOTHING IN RET. I'LL JOIN THE CHURCH TO ESCAPE HELL, BUT I WON'T REALLY CARE MUCH ABOUT IT, I'LL GO WHEN IT SUITS ME, GIVE AS LITTLE AS I CAN GET BY WITH, NOBODY SHALL TALK ME INTO TAKING ON ANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES!"

4. THE THAT SAVETH HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT - I.E., HOLD BACK FOR SELF - ONLY AS WE GIVE IT DO WE FIND IT

5. ELMO WALKER, "HOW FAR WILL THIS GO?"

A FOUNDATION FOR LIFE

EVERY ONE WHO HEARS THESE WORDS OF MINE AND DOES THEM WILL BE LIKE A WISE MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON THE ROCK." - MATT. 7:24

INT. - PROPOSAL THAT IF NOT SS AND PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AT LEAST 10 COM. - PLAN FOR FINAL SERIES OF SERMONS, CREECH, L. PR., OR 10 COM. - AT LEAST THIS MUCH OF 10 COM.

1. THESE SAYINGS OF MINE - WHAT DID HE MEAN?

1. SERMON ON Mt - MATT. 5,6,7 - ALSO LUKE

2. ALL HIS TEACHING, ALL HIS DOING, HSELF

3. PART OF IT ABOUT 10 COM. - "YOU HAVE HARD SAY...." - NOT TO MAKE THEM EASIER, MUCH HARDER

4. "ALL THESE....FROM MY YOUTH" - NOT REALLY COM. MEAN LOVE TO GOD, TO MEN, HE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE THOSE, TEST PROVED IT

5. ALL COM., ALL OT, ALL USAGE, TRADITION, TO BE UNDERSTOOD IN LIGHT OF WHAT JESUS WAS, WHAT HE SAID AND DID

II HEARING AND DOING

1. NOT SALVATION BY WORKS - THO MATT. 25 SOUNDS A LOT LIKE IT

2. BUT PROFESSION WITHOUT DOING CERTAINLY NO GOOD *Why work hard... do not... pray?*

3. TOO MANY HEAR AND DISREGARD, SEED BY WAY ST. FRANCIS AND FISH

4. RESPONDING TO GOD, NOT JUST WITH BELIEF, BUT WITH LOVE EXPRESSED IN CONDUCT

III BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR LIFE

1. ROCK AND SAND - IF WE DON'T WANT ALL OUR LIFE PLANS TO FALL IN RUINS, WE NEED FOUND.

2. TRUTH, HONESTY, SINCERITY - "SUCCESS ON A LIE NO MORE MAY STAND....HOUSE....SAND"

3. REVERENCE TOWARD GOD IN WORD AND WORSHIP

4. TEMPERANCE, CHASTITY, SELF CONTROL

5. JUSTICE, KINDNESS, FORGIVENESS

6. A FOUNDATION - FOR YOUTH (ARE THEY HEARING? ARE WE TEACHING THEM?) ALSO FOR AGE

"HOW CAN ...BE BORN....OLD?"
7. TIME TO BUILD OR STRENGTHEN IS NOW
Brother! It is only when we build.

A GRAND AND AWFUL TIME

"WHO KNOWS....KINGDOM FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS?"
-ESTHER 4:14

INT. - BOOK OF MONTH - "I WOULDNT PREACH FROM BOOK OF ESTHER" - STILL PART OF BIBLE AND E. EXEMPLIFIES COURAGE, FAITH, RESPONSIBILITY

1. MISS PERSIAN EMPIRE, 478 B.C.

1. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS - AHASUERUS, XERXES, DISASTROUS INVASIONS OF GREECE, 490, 480 - TOOK IT OUT ON QUEEN? MEANWHILE, FAITHFULNESS OF LOYAL MORDECAI WENT UNNOTICED

2. MISS PERSIAN EMPIRE CONTEST - ESTHER - QUEEN, BUT NO AUTHORITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN UNKNOWN

3. HER PEOPLE IN DANGER - "WHO KNOWS....THIS?" "IF I PERISH, I PERISH".

II "THERE IS A CERTAIN PEOPLE...."

1. "THEIR LAWS ARE DIFFERENT...." (ALSO, BY DILIGENCE AND ACUMEN, THEY HAVE PROSPERED, IT IS PROFITABLE TO PLUNDER THEM) *Part of them*

2. WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO BE A JEW? TO BE PART OF A GROUP ALWAYS THOT OF AS DIFFERENT

OFTEN PERSECUTED BITTERLY? - HITLER, "H2 UN POVO DURD" - PRESENT DAY RUSSIA

3. XIANS THEIR SPIRITUAL SUCCESSORS - A PPL DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS BEC. COVENANT PPL OF GOD WHO CAN'T DO LIKE OTHERS BEC "LAWS ARE DIFFERENT"

4. DAYS OF NERO - "THESE PPL ARE DIFFERENT, THEY DON'T ACKNOWLEDGE EMPEROR DIVINE - THESE PPL MUST BE ONES WHO SET FIRE TO ROME, DESTROY THEM!"

5. "THEY MET THE TYRANT'S BRANDISHED STEEL" III A GRAND AND AWFUL TIME

1. HYMN WRITTEN IN 1840 - GREAT CHANGES TAKING PLACE THEN, EVEN MORE NOW

2. OUR ACTIONS MAY HAVE REPERCUSSIONS FAR BEYOND IMMEDIATE ISSUES - NEHEMIAH, 33 YRS LATER "....THE QUEEN SITTING BESIDE HIM" ESTHER? MAYBE

3. "WHEN THE LORD WANTS TO SAVE HEATHEN, HE CAN DO IT WITHOUT YOUR"

4. GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT - DO WE WANT HIM TO DO IT WITHOUT US? DO WE WANT TO BE ON SIDELINES, OR IN GAME?

"And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." -- Matt. 26

Int. - Today Palm Sunday, but this 30 sermon belongs to Maundy Thursday

I What Did They Sing? -- Ps. 118

1. O Give thanks....endureth for ever

2. With the Lord on my side I do not fear.

What can men do to me?

3. I shall not die, but live. The Lord has chastened me sore, but has not delivered me unto death -- How did Jesus feel while they sang that?

4. The stone which the builders rejected..

5. Thou art my God, and I will extol thee

II How Could They Sing? -- *How singing... strange!*
Paul & Silas in jail?

1. Betrayal, all knew

2. Danger, fear, uncertainty, all felt

3. The cross, Jesus had foretold, but only he comprehended

4. They could sing because God's purpose is supreme, and it was being accomplished

5. Bec. in every circumstance, we are God's, and we can trust in him

6. What do we need, to face sorrow -- faith or a tran-utilizer pill?

III This Hymn Was a Part of Themselves

1. Always sung at Passover, other times

2. Missionary - When you can hear Doxology

3. Is singing "for the birds"? Together..

4. Scriptures, Catechism, but esp. hymns, should saturate our hearts. Then in time of great need, they have meaning and sustaining power

Not unhappy sentimental ditties, but real hymns of faith.

38 hymns, and 38 hymns men ought to sing

"WHAT DOETH THE LORD...REQUIRE OF THEE BUT TO DO JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, AND WALK HUMBLY WITH THY GOD?"

What shall I do...? Micah 6:8

INT. - MICAH'S SIMPLE SUMMING UP -

"TURN TO THE RIGHT AND GO STRAIGHT ON".

I RIGHT CONDUCT - "DO JUSTLY"

1. ACTING IN ACCORD WITH GOD'S LAW -

JESUS, "THOU KNOWEST THE COMMANDMENTS"

2. JUDGMENT - NOT ACT OF JUDGING, BUT EXECUTION OF LAW. JAMES 4:11 FF.,

"SPEAK NOT EVIL...BECOME NOT A DOER OF LAW, BUT A JUDGE. THERE IS ONE LAW-GIVER..."

3. "IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU BELIEVE, WHAT MATTERS IS HOW YOU LIVE" - BUT MICAH PUTS THIS FIRST, IN ASCENDING ORDER. RIGHT CONDUCT IS ONLY A PART OF GOD'S REQUIREMENT.

II RIGHT IDEALS - "DO LOVE MERCY"

1. LOVE, KINDNESS, LOVING KINDNESS, STEADFAST LOVE, ETC.

2. NOT ONLY OUR ACHIEVEMENT, BUT OUR AIM, OUR DESIRE, IS IMPORTANT

3. WE SHOULD APPRECIATE GOD'S MERCY FOR OURSELVES, AND DESIRE IT FOR OTHERS

4. WE SHOULD LOVE GOD'S MERCY, AND SEEM TO EXTEND HIM MERCY TO OTHERS

III A RIGHT ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD

1. BE CONDUCT AND IDEALS WHAT THEY MAY, LIFE IS INCOMPLETE WITHOUT GOD

2. MAKE HUMBLE TO WALK" *Amos 3:3*

3. COVENANT REL. "CAN TWO WALK...AGREE"

4. CF. JESUS, "DENY SLF, TAKE UP CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME"

Conflict of Principles & Profits - men not see conflict of Principles & Profits - men not see conflict of Principles & Profits

"By faith Jacob, when dying....worshiped, bowing over the head of his staff."

Int. - *Jacob's* Joseph's staff (if it WAS a staff) LXX read *Gen 47*, inst. of *Gen 47* bed

II What Is Worship?

1. Heb. *shachah*, or *773*, bow down; Gr. *proskuneo*, kiss the hand

2. Not a mere matter of posture - standing sitting, prostrate, even in bed. *5 below*

3. Worship may be formal, with all trimmings as in II Chron. 29; but it may also be...

II A Recognition and Acknowledgement of God

1. Abraham's servant (Gen. 24:26) grateful in recognition that God had led

2. Jacob to Joseph, (Gen. 48:11) I had not thought to see your face...children also."

3. David (I Ki. 1:47-8) "Blessed be God...one of my offspring on throne, my eyes..."

4. Resolution of obedience to God's command (Ex. 12:27)

5. Awaiting with faith God's deliverance, (II Chron. 20:18)

III In Essence, Worship is Acceptance of God's will

1. Jacob, when he was dying - Can one w. at death? If conscious, why not? Phys even

greatest worship, *faithfulness* of God's plan

2. Is a funeral worship? David (II Sam. 12:20) when God's will was made known, rose, dressed, ate, and worshiped

3. Job (1:20) God has given, taken...

4. Jesus in Gethsemane - not yielding to fate, but ACCEPTING GOD'S WILL. *Heavenly Father*

5. BY FAITH - only so can we worship

MAN'S CHIEF END

"We... have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory." - Eph. 1:12
 Int. - People said they were Presbyter's
 If you were, you would know that. Do you?
 I A Noble Destiny

1. Paul's statement, true of Xian, ideally true of all men (own volition)
2. We are here, not by chance, nor by our
3. What are we here for? To preserve self, reproduce our kind, experience pleasurable sensations, cling to life as long as possibl?
4. He died for all, that they who live...
 "not to themselves" to the praise of gl.

II What Do We Mean by Glorifying God?

1. Webster: Praise, honor, distinction, acc by common consent to a person or thing
2. To people, often how unworthily - Hitter
3. If we think of GD as the ultimate good, wisdom, justice, love, then to make these qualities evident is highest aim
4. And to make ourselves and others participate in them is our highest destiny
5. If God's will is perfect, then to bring it to realization in us is grtst th can happen to us; in world, grtst th at all
6. And that IS the glory of God

III To Enjoy Him Forever

1. "I come in strong on the enjoying part"
2. How do we enjoy God? When? "When we all get to hea-ven?" If we don't enjoy him here, can we expect to there?
3. Do we expect to seek OUR OWN way all the life, and then enjoy God's way hereafter?
4. Isa. 58:13ff Call Sabbath delight...
 of. Amos 8:5 When... S. be great... What...

CONSCIENCE

"SO, WHETHER YOU EAT OR DRINK, OR WHATEVER YOU DO, DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD."

INT. - GR. GIVES GR. 10:31

KNOWING TOGETHER - CONSCIENCE NOT, AS OFTEN SUPPOSED, PURELY INDIVIDUAL - RELATED TO OTHER AND TO GOD

I KEEP CONSCIENCE IN PERSPECTIVE

1. "IF MEAT MAKE MY BROTHER OFFEND....."
2. "WHATEVER IS SOLD IN THE MARKET, EAT....."
3. "WHY SHOULD MY LIBERTY BE DETERMINED BY ANOTHER MAN'S SCRUPLES?"
4. BE IMITATORS OF ME, AS I AM OF CHRIST (JESUS SHOCKED PEOPLE BY REFUSING TO DO "PROPER" HANDWASHING, DISREGARDING UNREASONABLE RULES ABOUT SABBATH OBSERVANCE, ETC.)
5. BEER, COKE, COFFEE.....CARDS, CHECKERS.....
6. RESPECT CONSCIENCE OF OTHERS, BUT - "SENSE"
7. MORE, DON'T REL. BE MADE "DON'TS" - COL
- II SPECIFICALLY DANCING - D. in OT, NT, etc.

1. "IF NO DANCING...NOTHING TO PREACH ABOUT"
2. SOCIAL LIFE HAS, OFTEN, DISTRACTED PPL FROM SERVICE OF GOD - THEREFORE, LEAVE OFF DANCING, CARDS, THEATER, THAT'S XIANITY
3. ARGUMENT FROM PROXIMITY OF SEXES - NOT SO
4. "THAT'S NOT DANCING, THAT'S CHARLIE" - MANY ASPECTS - SQUARE DANCING AT CAMP
5. RHYTHM, MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP WHOLESOME
- III DO ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD
1. AFRAID TO PLAY VOLLEY BALL, FORGET JESUS
2. "LOVE GOD, AND DO AS YOU PLEASE"
3. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN YOUR LIFE? SCHOOL? WORK? CAREER? FUN? ALL GOOD IF GOD COMES FIRST
4. WHATEVER YOU DO - MAKE YOUR DECISION WITH COMMON SENSE, CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS, LOVE TO GOD

In dance, boy treat girl as person not thing

"Labor not for the meat that perisheth...everlasting life..."

Int. - Reading Apocrypha - evi

ence that... knew it - Jesus as man of sound judgment, common sense I What Did Jesus Mean?

1. He left off his carpenter work, went out to teach. Should we?
2. "Go, sell your goods to poor" - was that what Jesus meant? Plainly not
3. Leave off all care for earthly necessities, but care for heavenly?
4. "...Eat, drink, wear..." your P. knows you need these things."
5. He spoke of priorities - what is really important?

II Don't feed the bears

1. Futility of short range goals - "Poor bear, he's hungry"
2. In nat'l life - Energy NOW! Security NOW! Prosperity! "Why think of posterity? What did P. do for us?"
3. Internat'l - world hunger - have and have-nots - do they want food? or weapons, cars, planes, TV sets? 4. But didn't Jesus say, "I was hungry...Inasmuch..."? Yes, and that must be taken alongside our text

III That Which Endureth...life

1. Did he mean, it doesn't matter if hungry now, "pie in the sky"? NO!
2. He did mean responsible living - resp. toward God, fellow men, self
3. "Great com. in Law?" "Love God! and like it, love thy neighbor!" (Love self implied also)
4. Food is important, environment also, posterity also. Vitally important that we live responsibly, in light of all three
5. And in light of eternal life - for these earthly things DO perish!

THE CHRISTIAN PATTERN

WHY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE LOVE...KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS...OVERCOMES THE WORLD...OUR FAITH.

-- I JOHN 5:2-4

INT. - MESSAGE OF I JOHN - "THAT WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD AND TOUCHED... WE PROCLAIM TO YOU" - BUT BEC. HE HAD SEEN AND HEARD HE PROG. CHIEFLY WHAT HE HAD FELT AND UNDERSTOOD.

I FAITH AS PART OF THE PATTERN

1. FAITH, NOT CREDULITY - BEL NOT EVERY
2. EVERY ONE WHO BELIEVES IS CHILD OF GOD
3. FAITH IN JESUS AS THE CHRIST, SON OF
4. OVERCOMES THE WORLD - JESUS, IN VERY

11 LOVE AS PART OF THE PATTERN

1. FAITH, NOT SIGHT - "NO MAN HAS SEEN... IF WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GOD IS IN US"
2. "THEREIN IS LOVE...WE LOVE BECAUSE WE FIRST LOVED US"

3. HE WHO LOVES THE PARENT, LOVES CHILD
WE CAN'T BE INDIFFERENT TO ONE GOD LOVE
111 OBEDIENCE AS PART OF THE PATTERN

1. HOW DO WE KNOW WHETHER WE TRULY LOVE OUR FELLOW MEN? BEC. WE LOVE GOD, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

2. "THIS IS THE LOVE OF GOD...KEEP HIS COM...NOT BURDENSOME"

3. JESUS, "YOU LOAD MEN WITH BURDENS...
"LOVE...GOD...NEIGHBOR...ALL LAW AND PROPRIETY NOT MAKE DETAILS UNIMPORTANT, BUT PUT FIRST PRINCIPLES ABOVE THEM

14. OVERCOME WORLD - LIVE AS GOD WANTS US
ONE PATTERN OF LIFE IN CHRIST

FAITH IS OBEY., OBEY. IS LOVE, LOVE FAITH
BELIEVING, OBEYING, LOVING, LIVING FOR A

"FOR IT IS NO TRIFLE FOR YOU, BECAUSE IT IS YOUR LIFE". DEUT. 32:47

INT. - MOSES' FAREWELL SPEECH - MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH
I IT IS YOUR LIFE *a sort of a race, they want to win it by keeping it to the end*

1. CEREMONIAL LAW - SEEMS OLE TO US - E.G. EATING PORK - ONE PURPOSE ABOVE ALL OTHERS, TO TEACH, "WE ARE DIFFERENT, WE BELONG TO GOD"

2. MORAL LAW - NOT ONLY, "THIS IS HOW MEN OUGHT TO LIVE", BUT "WE BELONG TO GOD, AND THEREFORE IT MATTERS HOW WE LIVE"

3. SACRIFICES AND CEREMONIES - HOPELESS CONFUSION TO US NOW, MEANINGLESS EXCEPT AS SYMBOLS OF WHAT WAS TO COME; BUT TO ISRAEL, "WE BELONG TO GOD; THERE IS A HISTORY BEHIND US AND A DESTINY BEFORE US."

4. YOUR LIFE - THE ONE TH. THAT MADE ISRAEL IMPORTANT WAS THAT THEY WERE GOD'S PEOPLE

5. YOUR LIFE - THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW WAS TO KEEP THEM IN TOUCH WITH GOD

11 CHRISTIAN FAITH IS OUR LIFE

1. HOW LONG WILL WE TREAT IT AS A TRIFLE? - SCIENTISTS ARE IMPORTANT, DOCTORS, ENGINEERS, EDUCATORS, BIG BUSINESS (1ST PLACE?) EVEN ARTISTS, POETS AND MUSICIANS, BUT WHAT ABOUT PREACHERS? PAUL, "SMALL TH. I BE JUDGE BY YOU...WHO JUDGES ME IS THE LORD"

2. IF GOD IS SUPREME, HIS WILL FOR US IS MOST IMPORTANT THING IS OUR LIVES -

3. THE ONE THING THAT MAKES US IMPORTANT, THAT WE ARE PART OF GOD'S PLAN AND PURPOSE
111 IMPLICATIONS OF OUR FAITH - *in X, finally*

1. IF IT HAS MEANING FOR US, IT HAS FOR ALL
2. AND THUS IT MUST BE SHARED

3. SHARING NOT A CASUAL THING, BUT VITAL TO

REPORT CARDS

"THIS IS HOW ONE SHOULD REGARD US, AS SERVANTS OF X...JUDGED BY YOU...IT IS THE L. WHO JUDGES ME...DISCLOSE THE PURPOSE OF MEN'S HEARTS."

-- I COR. 4:1-5

INT. - KIT, WIF I GOT A REPORT, I WONDER WHAT GRADE ON THAT

1 SCHOOL REPORTS -- SUPPOSE WE GOT CHURCH R. 1. SERV. OF X, STEWARDS... FAITHFUL"

2. SUPPOSE THE PASTOR GAVE OUR REPORTS - WHAT SORT OF MARKS? ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY ATTENTION, PARTICIPATION? *He does not, but could*

3. SUPPOSE THE DEACONS WROTE THE REPORT - PAR. ON BULLETIN, 10/11/53

4. OR SUPPOSE OUR NEIGHBORS WROTE IT -- AND WE THEIRS -- BUT NO, "JUDGE NOT", AND ROM. 14:13, "LET US NO MORE JUDGE ONE ANOTHER BUT RATHER, ...NO MAN PUT A STUMBLING BLOCK"

11 THEN LET'S WRITE OUR OWN REPORT

1. A ON EVERYTHING!
2. PAUL, "I AM NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING AGAIN MYSELF, BUT NOT THEREBY ACQUITTED."

3. COMPARING OURSELVES WITH OTHERS, WE MAY THINK WE ARE PRETTY GOOD. "I NEVER DID ANYTHING FOR WHICH MY CONSCIENCE ACCUSED ME".

4. BUT THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER, "I JUDGE NOT MY OWN SELF".

111 HE WHO JUDGES ME IS THE LORD

1. BRING TO LIGHT THINGS NOW HIDDEN -- "SECRET SINS" IN LIGHT OF THY COUNTENANCE
2. "DISCLOSE THE PURPOSE OF MEN'S HEARTS" DEEDS THAT SEEM UNWORTHY MAY BE PLEASING TO GOD, DEEDS THAT SEEM FAIR MAY COME FROM EVIL

3. DO NOT PRONOUNCE JUDGMENT BEFORE TIME BUT STRIVE TO BE FAITHFUL, PLEASING GOD

X. Cf. "Sinners... chief... before God's mission"

THE SACRIFICE OF FOOLS

"Guard your steps... house of the Lord; for it is better to draw near to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools." - Eccl. 8:1

Int. Ecclesiastes, Book of the Month

I. How shall we approach the house of God?
1. We go into pub, bldg., e.g. P.O., as of right - as long as we commit no offense, we have the right to be there.

2. We go into home of a friend by invitation with courtesy and consideration

3. How shall we enter the house of God?

- "Clean hands and a pure heart..."
- With reverence and awe
- Heb. 4:16, "Boldly to throne of Grace"

II The Sacrifice of Fools (Self-confid.)

1. Some people think they are doing God a favor when they go to church - or doing the preacher a favor; and their magnificent offering to pay their way right into heaven

2. Parable of Jesus "to some who trusted in themselves..."

3. Basis of sacrifice not to enrich God (or the temple, or the priest) but to acknowledge that God is supreme, and we depend upon him

4. Many miss this point - "Hector, whose seal whole hecatombs hath slain" - Micah, "Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, ten th. of rivers of oil?"

5. Ps. 81 "Thou desirest not sacrifices" *Ps. 81:13-14*

III Draw Near to Hear

1. Not just to hear eloquence of priest, but

2. Hear God's judgment on your sin - remember of three to whom Jesus and proph. proph. so sovereignly were religious people, who that they were real God

3. Hear reassurance of God's love

"All we, like sheep, have gone astray..."

-- Isa. 53:6

Int. Songs of the Servant

I "All we" -- Who Are We?

L. Poem addressed to a sinful nation - Did the prophet include himself? He was part of it.

2. We are part of a sinful nation - a nation that says, "In God we trust", but denies it, giving priority to material things, wealth, power, technology, nuclear weapons.

3. "Who was the guilty....?"

II Every One to His Own Way

1. "Alli, aliam in partem"

2. "All look after their own interests"

Phil. 2:21. Later, II Tim. 4:10, "Demas... Gressens, ... Titus..." Were

All their ways evil?

3. We cherish individualism, but "Let each look not only to his own.... but

... let this mind be in you...." 2:4f

III The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

1. A great revelation, but poem does not specify WHO the Servant is, when, or how.

2. "Of whom spake the prophet this?"

3. "He shall see the fruit of his sufferings and be satisfied" There are many churches, many Christians, but is Christ satisfied?

"BUT FOR ME IT IS GOOD TO BE NEAR GOD."

--PSALM 73:28

INT. ~ RESP. RDG. LEFT OFF LAST 2 VERSES
I PEOPLE WHO EXPECT A PAYOFF FROM GOD ARE DISAPPOINTED

1. RAIN ON JUST (SUMMER) AND UNJUST (WINTER)

IT DOESN'T WORK OUT THAT WAY - WICKED BREAK ALL RULES OPENLY, DEFIANTLY, STILL PROSPER

2. VV 13,14, "ALL IN VAIN I HAVE KEPT MY HEART CLEAN... HAVE BEEN STRICKEN..."

3. "CHEATING DOGS NEVER WIN" - BUT THEY DO, THAT'S WHY THEY CHEAT.

4. "MEARISOME TASK" TO UNDERSTAND THIS -

PSALMIST FOUND TWO ANSWERS, BOTH IN SANCTUARY

A. IN LONG RUN, WICKED DOES NOT PROSPER

B. OBEDIENCE, WORSHIP, ARE GOOD, APART FROM ANY QUESTION OF REWARD

II GOOD TO BE NEAR GOD

1. PROPHETS SAID, "MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE";

PRIESTS SAID, "GOOD TO BE NEAR GOD" -

BOTH RIGHT, WORSHIP WITHOUT OBEDIENCE

VAIN, BUT WE STILL NEED WORSHIP

2. COMING TO THE SANCTUARY, WE REACH OUT TOWARD GOD, MEET HIS SEEKING LOVE - "I SOUGHT

THE LORD, AND AFTERWARD I KNEW"

3. HEBREW "FEAR" OF GOD - WHEN HIGH PRIEST ENTERED HOLY OF HOLIES PEOPLE TREMBLED - HEB.

IN NT TEACHES US WE DON'T HAVE TO FEAR - BUT SOME PEOPLE ARE STILL AFRAID - OF COMMUNION

III IN COMMUNION WE DRAW NEAR IN SPECIAL WAY

1. "HERE, O MY LORD, I SEE THEE FACE TO FACE"

2. IT IS GOOD FOR US - GOOD FOR HIM - "I HAVE EARNESTLY DESIRED..." OUR COMING MEANS

SOMETHING TO X

3. WE BRING NOTHING BUT OUR LOVE, OUR DESIRE FOR HIS LOVE - NO SACRIFICE, NO GIFT, WE

ACCEPT HIS GIFT OF LOVE - "MY BODY, FOR YOU, MY BLOOD OF THE COVENANT, FOR YOU"

4. HERE WE DRAW NEAR TO GOD, ACCEPT HIS LOVE, LOVE HIM, LOVE ONE ANOTHER

THE HAS PUT ETERNITY IN THEIR HEART....."
--- Eecl. 3:10

INT. - MR. DREYFUS'S TRANSLATION

I ECCLESIASTES, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. NAME PREACHER, GREEK PREACHER -

BUT NOT A DESIGNATED MAN, ABSTRACT NOUN, FEM.

2. CANONICITY OF BOOK DISPUTED, FINALLY ACCEPT

3. "WISDOM LITERATURE" - PHILOSOPHY, ALONG

WITH JOB AND PROVERBS

II MESSAGE OF THE BOOK - GENTLE CYNIC.

1. VANITY OF VANITIES, TRYING TO CATCH THE WIN

2. FUTILITY OF ALL MAN'S PRETENSIONS - MONEY,

FOR WHAT? FAME, SUCCESS, FOR WHAT?

3. EVEN SOLOMON, IN ALL HIS GLORY - WHERE IS

HE NOW? WHAT'S THE USE OF IT ALL?

4. A TIME FOR EVERYTHING - EVERYTHING

BEAUTIFUL, OR EXCELLENT, IN ITS TIME

BEGINNING IS GOOD, END ALSO GOOD

BIRTH IS GOOD, DEATH ALSO GOOD ETC.

5. EVERYTHING TO BE CONSIDERED, HOWEVER

USEFUL, OR APPARENTLY USELESS, IN LIGHT

OF RELATION TO GOD

III ETERNITY IN HEART 9.4-6

1. WHAT DOES IT MEAN? MUCH DISPUTED PASSAGE

2. OT WRITERS HAD HOPE, NO ASSURANCE, OF LIFE

AFTER DEATH. IS IT THIS HOPE HE REFERS TO?

3. AT LEAST, MAN CAN GRASP FACT THAT GOD IS

ETERNAL

4. THIS CONCEPT IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO GRASP

SIGNIFICANCE OF WHAT GOD HAS MADE - HAS VERILY

MADE - 1700-1717

5. CONCLUSION - AT END OF BOOK - "FEAR GOD AND

KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS - WHOLE DUTY OF MAN"

6. LIFE IS NOT MEANINGLESS IF GOD IS IN IT. WE

DON'T KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS, BUT WE KNOW GOD;

(AND NOW ALL THE MORE AS HE IS REVEALED IN X)

ACCEPT LIFE AS IT IS, LIVE IT IN CONSCIOUSNESS

OF GOD.

Clarity in heart - just a faint

look! but I Pet. 1:3 He showed he had

2 Father

"I ASK YOU NOT TO LOSE HEART OVER WHAT I AM
SUFFERING FOR YOU, WHICH IS YOUR GLORY".

--- Eph. 3:13

INT. - REFORMATION DAY

I THE GLORY OF THE CHURCH

1. YOUR GLORY --- WRITTEN TO XIANS NOT KNOWN

PERSONALLY TO HIM --- "THE CARE OF ALL THE

CHURCHES"

2. HENCE THE GLORY OF THE WHOLE CHURCH

3. THE GLORY OF THE CHURCH IS THAT THERE

ARE SOME WHO CARE ENOUGH TO SUFFER

II THE SEED OF THE CHURCH --- BLOOD OF MARTYR

1. MARTYR - A WITNESS --- NOT MERELY SUFFER

FROM MISFORTUNE

2. SUFFERING (ΘΑΛΥΣ) LIKE PRESSING GRAPES

3. APOSTLES AND EARLY XIANS

4. REFORMATION (CHINA, ETC.)

5. XIANS WHO SUFFER TODAY, SPAIN, COLOMBIA,

6. ALSO THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST-like to Xian

7. WE WOULD NOT HAVE THEM SUFFER, BUT SINCE

THEY HAVE SUFFERED, AND DO.....

III DO NOT LOSE HEART

1. (εγχακε) BEHAVE BADLY, I.E., FLAG,

GROW WEARY

2. GAL. 6:9, "DO NOT BE WEARY IN DOING GOOD

LUKE 18:1, "PRAY AND NOT LOSE HEART"

3. WHAT DID THIS MEAN TO XIANS AT LAODICEA?

--- TO US?

4. CHERISH THE FREEDOM AND FAITH SO DEARLY

BOUGHT

5. CARRY ON - "TO YOU FROM FAINTING HANDS..."

"IF THY CHILDREN WILL KEEP MY COVENANT....."
THEIR CHILDREN ALSO SHALL SIT UPON THY
THRONE FOREVERMORE."

INT. - REFORMATION DAY - NOV. 1, 1517

I WHAT WAS THE REFORMATION?

1. NOT JUST A REFORM OF PRACTICE

MANY TH. NEEDED REFORMING - IMAGES,

RELICS, INDULGENCES, ETC. HAD CREPT

IN; BUT IT WAS MORE.

2. A REDISCOVERY OF THE SPIR. CONTENT OF

RELIGION - MATERIALISM IN CHURCH,

POLITICAL POWER, EVEN MILITARY

3. "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH".

II THE CHURCH THE VEHICLE OF GOD'S

COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE

1. ORIGIN AND FUNCTION OF CHURCH

2. CHURCH MARRED BY HUMAN ERROR AND SIN

3. ESSENTIALLY IT IS GOD DEALING WITH

MAN, KEEPING COVENANT WITH HIS ELECT

III THE REFORMATION DID NOT, MUST NOT

STOP WITH 16TH CENTURY - OR 20TH

1. "IF THY CHILDREN...." GOD'S DEALING WITH

MAN ALWAYS CONTINGENT ON MAN'S OBEEDIENC

2. DAVID, ELECT, BUT TESTED. HIS CHILDREN

A GENERATION OF TESTING. BUT NOT JUST

ONE PERIOD OF TESTING, EVERY GENERATION

IS ONE OF TESTING. GOD'S PURPOSE STANDS

HIS COVENANT IS SURE, BUT WE MUST BE

ZEALOUS TO BE FAITHFUL TO IT.

3. NOT JUST LUTHER, CALVIN, KNOX, BUT

WE OURSELVES MUST CONTINUE TO PROTEST

AGAINST EVIL, TO STRIVE FOR PURE,

SPIRITUAL, GOD-CENTERED CHURCH.

"And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who for their sakes died and was raised again."

Int. - Greatest text for our living

1. The Call and the Answer
2. No material advantage, rather the cost.
3. Challenge of a new field, new beginning
4. Entirely different type of ministry
5. Church needs change too, experience of different pastoral leadership

II Participative - Expression of Church's Witness

1. Choir that takes its work seriously
2. Sunday night service
3. Our meager participation, weak witness
4. Not just to have multiplicity of mtgs - "joined the Baptist Church, and died from lack of sleep"

5. But the church ought to be saying to the community that we believe worship is more important, for example, than Sun. nite show or TV, or Sun. morn golf - that Bible study is really significant for Xian living

6. Few ministers or missionaries appearing in our church - bec. church is not saying clearly to youth that service of God is imp. enough to be worth giving life for it

III Living, Planning, Choosing, Not for Ourselves, but for X

1. He died for us; we are not our own, his
2. We have no right to ambition or indolence or anything else, exco. as held subject to his will. Not resolve, "this is what I want, therefore do it, without first asking, what does HE want? (new concept of life for X

"LET ALL THINGS BE DONE DECENTLY AND IN ORDER."

INT. - OFFICER TRAINING SEASON - FOUR

SERMONS ON SUBJECT

1. PRESBYTERIAN ORDER

2. SOME CHURCHES SAY, "WHO ORDERED, NO RULES BUT THE BIBLE" - CHURCHES OF REFORMED TRAD. BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD STUDY BIBLE, DECIDE WHAT ITS TEACHINGS ARE, PUT DOWN IN BLACK AND WHITE WHAT WE BELIEVE, HOW WE SHOULD ACT

3. Thus we have CONF. OF FAITH, CATECHISMS, AND BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

4. Book of Church Order

5. X, THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, "RULE AND TEACH, THRO SPIRIT AND WORD, BY MINISTRY OF MEN, THUS MEDIATEDLY EXERCISING HIS OWN AUTHORITY..."

6. DIVISIONS OF BOOK:

7. FORM OF GOVERNMENT

8. RULES OF DISCIPLINE

9. DIRECTORY FOR WORSHIP - WORSHIP IS PART OF ORDER - NON-LITURGICAL, FLEXIBLE, YET FOLLOWING A DIRECTORY

10. WHAT CONSTITUTES WORSHIP

11. HOW WORSHIP SHOULD BE CONDUCTED

12. HOW SACRAMENTS ARE TO BE OBSERVED

13. THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

14. BOOK OFTEN AMENDED, RECENTLY HAD A COMPLETE OVERHAUL

15. WHAT DOES "DECENTLY AND IN ORDER" MEAN?

16. WHAT DID IT MEAN IN APOSTOLIC TIMES?

17. CHURCH GREW INTO RIGID PATTERN OF ACTION

18. AT REFORMATION, VARIOUS GROUPS CAME TO WIDELY VARYING VIEWS ABOUT THIS -

19. CHURCH CONFIDES IN GUIDANCE OF H. S. THROUGH EXPERIENCE, FOR APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN SCRIPTURE - STILL GROWING, STILL FINDING NEW MEANINGS OF GOD'S WORD - EXX INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, INDIV. COMMUNION CUPS, EDUC. PROCEDURES.

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"THE CUP OF BLESSING WHICH WE BLESS, IS IT NOT THE COMMUNION OF THE BLOOD OF X?"

INT. - PAUL'S ARGUMENT ABT. MEAT OFF.

1. TOOLS, ANALOGY OF PARTICIPATION

2. THE CUP OF BLESSING

3. WHY THE CUP FIRST? IT GOES BACK TO CUSTOM OF PA. - 1 COR. 10:16

4. CUP, "BLESSED BE GOD, THE GIVER OF THE FRUIT OF THE VINE" HENCE JESUS, "I WILL NOT ANY MORE...FRUIT OF THE VINE..."

5. BLESSING - WHO BLESSES? MINISTER HAS NO SPECIAL POWERS TO BLESS, BUT FOR REASONS OF ORDER IS CHARGED WITH ADMIN.

6. WE ALL, WHO JOIN IN SERVICE, BLESS. IT IS A CORPORATE ACT.

7. THE BREAD WHICH WE BREAK...BODY OF CHRIS

8. UNITY OF CHURCH - "ALL ONE BODY WE"

9. BROKEN - INDIVIDUALITY, TOO. EVEN IN LARGE GROUP, WE ALL, AS INDIVIDUALS, PARTICIPATE IN THIS SACRAMENT.

10. THE BROKEN BODY, THE SHED BLOOD

11. COMMUNION Koinonia

12. HIS BODY AND BLOOD MAKE US ONE. HENCE COMMUNION, PARTNERSHIP, FELLOWSHIP

13. WE HAVE PARTICIPATION WITH HIM.

14. HE GAVE HIMSELF FOR WORLD - WE PARTICIPATE IN THAT.

15. "FIRST BORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN IN COMMUNION WITH HIM WE SHARE HIS PURPOSE, HIS NATURE, LIFE.

16. ALL THESE WE TAKE ON US ANEW AS OUR CUP; AS WE SPEAK THE WORD, BLESS THE CUP; AS WE DRINK THE WINE, BLESS THE

"I baptised... Crispus and Gaius... the household of Stephanas" -- 1 Cor. 1:14-16

Int. I Corinthians -- what prompted

I Baptism -- what and whence? 304

1. "The baptism of John" -- Mark 11:3

2. "Jesus himself baptized not"

3. "Christ sent me not to baptize"

4. There must have been some who

over emphasized baptism -- not Paul

5. Perh. Jesus did not, lest anyone

say, I am better, bec. X -- perh. no

instr. given, lest the sac. be over-e

II But Paul did baptize

1. Crispus "the chief ruler of syn"

a. Silas and Tim. had come

b. Dec. important? Not Paul!

c. Prb. some special tie of friendsh

d. Believed with his whole house --

but app. Paul baptized only himself.

2. Gaius -- a common name, 3 in NT

Acts 19:29, 20:4, III John 1.

a. Prb. a special friend (16:23

b. My host, and of the church "Rom.

3. The household of Stephanas (

a. "first fruits of Achaia" ^{8:12}

b. "addicted themselves to Paul."

Give oneself to a habit or custom

2000 Gr. set in place, in order.

Powers that be -- of God.. as many as

were -- to eternal life... I am a man

----- to authority

Here reflexive -- habits created in

themselves

Cor. - 3 types having: 1. Paul

2. Stephanas

3. Crispus

"When you see the ark of the covenant of

God, arise and go after it, for you have

not passed this way before." Josh. 3:3-4

Int. -- Josh-Bk of Math -- Centennial

I A New Way

1. J., crossing Jordan, invading prom. land

2. Unknown way, new things, no experience

to guide

3. Except exp. of God -- if he leads the

way, we can follow with confidence

II The Church Leads in the New Way -- Ark

1. Personal life -- accepting X, total com-

mitment. Afraid? Impossible? Led by X, by

the church, we can try w/ confident faith

2. Xian service -- teaching SS, officer,

resp. in WOC, Men, PYF etc. (Ch, I can't do

that!) but led by X, by the church, we can

3. Xian Vocation (theme for '82) Ministry?

Other church vocation? Why not, if that is

what X wants? Or other Xian vocation

III The Church Is Led in New Ways

1. New Facing of community responsibilities

New building? Different hours of worship?

Entering new areas of community life? Com-

solidation?

2. New facing of world responsibilities --

Missions not a side line -- X died for world

not merely "he and my wife, my son John..."

3. New facing of ecumenical movement --

denominational loyalty can become idolatry

(clipping from Ep's. convention)

4. A Century past -- how many yet to come?

Great changes in material things. Shall the

church sit still and be abandoned? Or go

forward as God leads?

"IF THE READINESS IS THERE, IS IS ACCEPT-

ABLE ACCORDING TO WHAT A MAN HAS, NOT

ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS NOT." -- 2 Cor 8:12

Int. -- TOGETHER -- THEME OF EMC -- IN 57

A.D. PAUL SOUNDING SAME THEME -- THEN YOU

DIDN'T PUT CHECK IN MAIL FOR CENT. TREAS-

I READINESS (Προθυμία)

1. WILLINGNESS, EAGERNESS, ZEAL -- ACTS 17

II. PEOPLE OF SERGEA STUDIED / IS EARLY ...

2. "NOT GRUDGINGLY, OR OF NECESSITY, FOR

"GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER." HAWAI

NESS IN GIVING BEGINS WITH READINESS

3. GOD SETS STORE, NOT BY MAN'S RESOURCES

BUT BY HIS READINESS -- WIDOW'S TWO MITE

II IF READINESS IS THERE, RESOURCES APPEAR

1. EXAMPLE OF MACEDONIANS -- THEY DIDN'T

HAVE IT TO SPARE, BUT GAVE LIBERALLY BEC

THEY WANTED TO GIVE *Ex. C. 1000 U.S.*

2. STORY OF BOY WHO MADE ROPE

3. "ACC. TO WHAT A MAN HAS, NOT..... (ACC. TO

WHAT HE THINKS HE DOESN'T HAVE) -- WE CAN

ALWAYS GIVE MORE THAN WE THINK WE CAN --

MRS. S. DEPRESSION, DIFFICULT TIMES, "SOME-

HOW THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMETHING FOR THE CH

4. THIS GOES FAR BEYOND OUR MONEY -- PAR-

TICIPATION IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES, TEACHING,

ACCEPTING OFFICE, GOING TO MEETINGS AWAY,

SEO. AND RUTH'S BUDGET -- "GET IN WE WANT,

THEN WHAT WE CAN OF "NECESSITIES" IF WE

PUT GOD'S WORK FIRST, WE BEGIN TO DISCOVER

MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE

III READINESS ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH

1. V. II, "READINESS TO PLAN, NOW TO DO"

2. "SPIR IS WILLING (Προθυμία) FLESH WEAK"

NEED TO REINFORCE READINESS W/ PRAYER AND

WATCHFULNESS

RESPONSIBLE LIVING

WHY EVERY PERSON BE SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES... INSTITUTED BY GOD. "

--- Rom. 13:1

INT. - THE KEMAN - *Walter*

I LAW AND ORDER

1. GREAT OUTCRY FOR L. AND O., ESP. BY K&K
2. BUT IT IS RIGHT - PAUL SAID IT THEN, STILL RIGHT - PAY YOUR TAXES, OBEY THE LAW, GIVE RESPECT WHERE DUE, SATISFY EVERY OBLIGATION, EXCEPT THAT OF LOVE, NEVER SATISFIED (WHEN SUPREME COURT SAYS IT IS LAW, IT IS)
3. THIS WAS WRITTEN 58 A. D., REIGN OF NERO (54-68) FIRST FIVE YEARS OF NERO THE MOST BRILLIANT IN HISTORY OF ROME - DICTATORSHIP, BUT GOOD GOVERNMENT (JEWS, BANISHED FR. ROME BY CLAUDIUS, ALLOWED TO RETURN, INC. A.Q., PRIS - 11 TIM, FALL OF 57, PAUL SAYS, "I SUFFER AS A CRIMINAL... ALL WHO LIVE GODLY IN X WILL SUFFER"
4. BUT, IN PROVIDENCE OF GOD, IT WAS GOVT THEY HAD, DUTY TO BE OBEIENT

5. WHEN XIANS PARTICIPATE IN GOVT, BELICATION SAME, APPLICATION MAY BE DIFFERENT

II BUT IS IT EVER RIGHT TO DISOBEY, RESIST?

1. WHAT ABOUT AMERICAN REVOLUTION?

CP. FRENCH REV., RUSSIAN, CHINESE

2. WHAT ABOUT RESTRICTIVE LAW ON CHURCHES?

FRANCIS MAKEMIE

3. WHAT ABOUT ANDY YOUNG, WM. S. COFFIN JR.?

III RESPONSIBLE LIVING

1. BASIC ISSUE, UNDERLYING OBEDIENCE - "WE THAT ARE STRONG... INFIRMITIES OF WEAK..."

2. MANY FLEE FROM RESPONSIBILITY - TO TRAILER COURTS, SUBURBS, HIGH RISE APARTMENTS

"REJECT THE TEMPTING BYWAYS..." No. 291, ST. 3

3. LIVING IN COMMUNITY - OBEIDENCE TO LAW IS PART OF IT, STRIVING FOR JUSTICE PART, LOYALTY TO CHURCH PART, HELPING OUR NEIGHBOR PART

FAITH AND NATIONALISM

INT. - MISSIONARY SEES THIS IN PERSPECTIVE HE IDENTIFIES WITH NATIONALS

BUT IS STILL A CITIZEN OF HIS OWN COUNTRY AND (PHIL. 3:20) OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN.

I "MY COUNTRY, RIGHT OR WRONG?"

1. CLIPPING FROM NAVY PILOT - RIGHT? RIGHT?
2. WE DO HAVE A DUTY OF LOYALTY
3. 1 PETER 2:17 - "FEAR GOD, HONOR THE EMPEROR" (NERO)

II BUT SUPPOSE MY COUNTRY IS WRONG

1. IT MAY WELL BE, BUT...
A. HOW CAN WE BE SURE, WITH MEAGER INFORMATION?

B. IF WE ARE SURE, WHAT CAN WE DO?

NOT DISLOYALTY

NOT DISORDER AND VIOLENCE

SPEAK OUT FOR RIGHT AS WE SEE IT, SEEK TO CORRECT

BUT IF ORDERED TO GO CONTRARY TO CONSCIENCE, "WE MUST OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN"

ACTS 5:29

III GENERAL PRINCIPLES:

1. GOD IS CONCERNED WITH WELFARE OF ALL NATIONS, NOT JUST U. S.
2. OUR LOYALTY TO GOD IS FIRST OF ALL.
3. EVEN IF WE MUST SUFFER FOR OUR STAND.

1 PETER 4:19, "DO RIGHT, AND TRUST YOUR SOULS TO A FAITHFUL CREATOR."

"AND MELCHIZEDEK, KING OF SALEM, BROUGHT BREAD AND WINE; HE WAS PRIEST OF GOD MOST HIGH" -- GEN. 14:18

INT. - ABRAHAM WAS NOT THE ONLY ONE IN HIS DAY WHO KNEW GOD. THERE WERE OTHERS - HOW MANY? AT LEAST THERE WAS 1 MELCHIZEDEK

1. KING OF SALEM - JERUSALEM - WAS THIS BEFORE THE JEBUSITES HAD IT? ABOUT 1000 YESRA LATER IT BECAME DAVID'S CAPITAL, SITE OF TEMPLE - ANOTHER 1000 X DIED THERE
2. KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS HIS NAME - WHO GAVE IT TO HIM? WHO TAUGHT HIM OF GOD?
3. KING OF PEACE
4. ABRAHAM RECOGNIZED HIM AS HIS SPIRITUAL OVERLORD.

II PRIEST OF GOD MOST HIGH

1. NOT BECAUSE OF DESCENT OR ANOINTING
2. BASIS OF PRIESTHOOD - TO KNOW GOD, AND TO INTERCEDE FOR OTHERS THAN HIMSELF
3. SPIRIT OF GOD WORKS INDEPENDENTLY OF HUMAN ORGANIZATIONS. LONG BEFORE AARON, 2000 YEARS BEFORE X, M., PRIEST OF GOD

III X OUR HIGH PRIEST - LIKE MELCHIZEDEK

1. OF JUDAH, NOT LEVI
2. ONCE FOR ALL OFFERED HIMSELF
3. CONTINUALLY MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US

IV BREAD AND WINE

1. COMMONPLACE THINGS - NATURAL. ENOUGH THAT HE SHOULD BRING THEM
2. BUT IN LIGHT OF XIAN GOSPEL TAKE ON NEW SIGNIFICANCE - SYMBOLS OF X'S OFFERING
3. WE RECEIVE AS TOKENS OF OUR ACCEPTANCE

THE SECOND CHANCE

"THUS SAYS CYRUS... 'THE LORD...CHARGED ME...
HOUSE AT JERUSALEM...WHOEVER OF HIS PEOPLE...
LET HIM GO UP!'" --II CHRONICLES 36:23

INT. - II CHRON., LAST BOOK OF HEBREW BIBLE
I DESTRUCTION OF JUDAH, JERUSALEM, 586 B.C.
1. PROPHETS PREACHED, THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN
2. WHAT WENT WRONG? WHY DID IT HAPPEN?

- A. TAKE GOD FOR GRANTED - TEMPLE OF THE LORD
- VAI PARA O CEU DA MESMA FORMA
- B. PURSUIT OF WEALTH AND LUXURY
- C. INJUSTICE - UNEQUAL ENFORCEMENT OF LAW
IN FAVOR OF RICH AND POWERFUL
- D. DISHONESTY, FALSEHOOD, IMPERANCE, SEXUAL LAXITY....
- E. EXCESSIVE PREOCCUPATION W/ NAT'L SECURITY
- F. IDOLATRY - GENERALLY PUT FIRST - WHY WOULD ANYBODY BE SO SILLY? JER. 2:13 - WHEN PPL DIS-OBEY GOD, THEY SEEK SOME SORT OF GOD THAT WILL TELL THEM TO DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO - "SMOOTH THINGS....HOLY ONE" - ITCHING EARS

3. AND DESTRUCTION CAME, NOT FIRE AND BRIMSTN
BUT POLITICS THEY RELIED ON BACKFIRED
II GOD GAVE THEM A SECOND CHANCE

- 1. TO THE NATION, NOT TO EVERY INDIVIDUAL - MANY INNOCENT SUFFERED, FEW MORE THAN JEREMIAH
- 2. NOT THRO MIRACULOUS WONDERS, BUT THRO:
- A. IDEAS - OF JER., EZEK., DAN., II ISAIAH

-- ALSO OF CYRUS

- B. MOVEMENTS OF NATIONS - BABYLON FELL FOR SAME REASON AS JERUSALEM, DECAY, GREED, DISOBE - LATER, PERSIA WENT SAME ROUTE, GREECE, ROME..
- 3. SECOND CHANCE TO THOSE W/ FAITH, COURAGE

III HOW MANY CHANCES?

- 1. 1976 - 200 YRS AGO, FATHERS SAID, MAROLISH OLD, NEW NATION, EQUALITY, JUSTICE, RESTRAINT, OF GOVT, AND OF MILITARY - *Family - Restraint*
- 2. PPL STILL SELFISH, GREEDY, MORE READY TO TRUST ARMS THAN GOD
- 3. IN NAT'L LIFE TODAY, SAME EVILS THAT BROT RUIN ON JERUS - WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?
- 4. HOW MANY CHANCES? HOW MANY CHANCES?

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"BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED THAT IN THE
WOMB BE A FULFILLMENT OF THAT WHICH WAS
SPOKEN TO HER FROM THE LORD." --LUKE 1:45

INT. - "THE BLESSED VIRGIN"

BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED

- 1. WELL, WHAT ELSE? SAW AN ANGEL, DIDN'T SM (BIBLE TIMES, ANGELS FLEW, ANIMALS TALKED....)
- 2. WHAT DID SHE SEE, REALLY? ANGELS OFTEN LOOKED LIKE MEN, AS TO ABRAHAM, GIDEON, ETC.
- 3. IF A STRANGER CAME TO YOU, SAID, "YOU ARE GOING TO BE A MISSIONARY, GET READY", WOULD YOU BELIEVE?
- 4. GRANTED THE MIRACULOUS MORE READILY AC-CEPTED THEN, STILL IT TOOK A LOT OF BELIEVING
- 5. DID SHE TELL HER PARENTS? (OR WHAT DID SHE TELL THEM?) WHY ELIZABETH, 75 MILES AWAY? HOW DID SHE GET PERMISSION, GO? (SHE STAYED
- 3 "NO.; DOESN'T SAY SHE STAYED TILL EASY CAME, BUT REASONABLE ASSUMPTION

6. IF WE THINK WE HAVE QUESTIONS.....IS IT
REALLY DID I DREAM IT? HOW CAN IT BE? WHAT WILL
PEOPLE SAY? WHAT WILL JOSEPH SAY? GO? WHAT
WILL HAPPEN TO ME?

7. "WE IT UNTO ME.... IF SHE HAD REFUSED,
WOULD IT HAVE HAPPENED ANYWAY? IF ABRAHAM,
MOSES, ISAIAH, HAD REFUSED VISION....

II BLESSED -- HAPPY

- 1. *Makaria* SAME AS B. WHO MOURN, PERSECUTED
- 2. LATER, SINEON, "MOURN....YOUR OWN SOUL" 36
- 3. NOT AN EASY LIFE, BUT HAPPINESS THAT CAME FROM ACCEPTING GOD'S WAY, HUMILY AND REVERENT
- 4. AND A SIGNAL HONOR, THRO HUMBLE ACCEPTANC

III BLESSED ARE WE WHO BELIEVE

- 1. WHO BELIEVE WHAT GOD TELLS US IN XMAS STORY - NOT MERELY IN FACTS OF IT, BUT ITS IMPLICATIONS - INCARNATION, GOD'S LOVE FOR AL
- 2. WHO BELIEVE, AND ACT ON OUR BELIEF - WHO SAY, LIKE MARY, "WE IT UNTO ME"

3. *Belief, faith, not just an act of believing, but a con-tinued life of faith*

THE WICKED

"HSE'T A GUARD OVER MY MOUTH....INCLINE NOT
MY HEART TOWORK INIQUITY; LET ME NOT
EAT OF THEIR Dainties." -- PSALM 141:3,

INT. - ASCRIBED TO DAVID - SOUNDS LIKE

- 1. "CHEATING DOGS NEVER WIN"
- 1. END OF PSALM, "LET THEM BE TAKEN IN THEIR OWN TRAP, WHILE I ESCAPE".
- 2. DAVID WAS HUMAN ENOUGH TO SAY, "LORD, DON'T LET THESE CHEATING DOGS WIN, LET ME WIN."

3. BUT HE KNEW, AND WE KNOW, THAT OFTEN
THEY DO WIN - THAT'S WHY THEY CHEAT!

4. PS. 37 DEALS MORE SPECIFICALLY WITH
PROBLEM OF SUCCESSFUL WICKED.

5. MORE IMPORTANT HERE IS, "DON'T LET
ME BE LIKE THEM",

II TRUST IN GOD. WE MAY WELL HAVE TO WALK
IN MIDST OF EVIL - CF I COR. 5:9ff

- 1. PROBLEM IS HOW TO STAND ALLOOF FROM EVIL OF PEOPLE WE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM - EX. YOUNG PERSON IN SCHOOL, MANY SCHOOL-MATES CHEAT, LIE, BREAK RULES; WE DON'T WANT TO HURT THEM, BUT NEED TO BE CLEAR
- 2. DAVID HAD UNSCRUPULOUS FRIENDS - JOAB
- 3. BETTER BE ILL TREATED BY RIGHT THINK-ING FRIEND THAN WELL TREATED BY FALSE ONE

"LET ME NOT PARTAKE..."

III CONDEMNATION WILL COME IN TIME

- 1. V. 6, "THEN ...LEARN....WORD OF L. IS TRUE"
- 2. "BOMES AT MOUTH OF SHEOL" - CHILDISH CONCEPT, BUT "TERROR OF THE LORD" IS REAL
- 3. V. 5, "MY PRAYER AG. WICKED DEEDS" OR, AS PEROWNE, "FOR THEM IN THEIR MISFORTUNES CON.: GOD PROTECT US AND THOSE WE LOVE FROM CONTAMINATION BY THE WICKED"

GOD CARES ABOUT PEOPLE

"WOULD NOT THIS WOMAN.....TO BE LOOSED.....?"

---LUKE 13:16

INT. - QUOTE FROM H. THIELCKE

1 JESUS CARED ABOUT THE WOMAN

1. THE RABBI WAS INDIFFERENT - SABBATH DIS-REGARDED, JUST TO HEAL A WOMAN! BUT JESUS CARED ABOUT THE WOMAN.

2. WELL, AFTER ALL, SHE WAS DAU. OF ABR'AM

3. MOREOVER, SHE ATTENDED WORSHIP, IN SPITE OF INFIRMITY (BETTER THAN LOTS OF PEOPLE)

4. JESUS CARED, NOT BEC. OF THIS, BUT HE CITED IT TO SHAME THE RABBI.

11 JESUS ALSO CARED ABOUT SAMARITANS

1. LUKE 9:51FF 'CALL DOWN FIRE'

2. AFTER ALL, WHAT DOES IT MATTER - SAMAR?

111 JESUS CARED ABOUT PUBLICANS AND SINNERS

1. MARK 2:15FF ET AL

2. HOW CAN APREACHER ASSOCIATE WITH SUCH PEOPLE? THEY'RE BAD! - *Chicago pastor who had*

3. THE STREET GANGS - *Chicago help gang.* - WEST SIDE STORY - DOES IT MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM?

4. THE VIET CONG - NEWS BROUGHT CALLOUSLY, "KILLED 143 COMMUNISTS" - DOES IT MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM? (HOLE COUNTRY NOT WORTH LIFE OF ONE AMER. BOY)

5. OPPOS. TO WAR, NOT BEC. IT DOESN'T MATT BUT BEC. IT 'ICES. GOD CARES ABOUT THEM!

IV WELL, GOD CAN CARE ABOUT THEM! NOT ME!

1. "I'M NOT GOING TO SEE THAT WOMAN!"

2. WHAT DO WE MEAN WHEN WE TALK OF BEING CHRISTLIKE?

V EVANGELISM MUST BEGIN WITH CARING

NOT JUST NICE, CLEAN, RESPECTABLE PEOPLE, BUT PEOPLE!

"HAPPINESS IS MORE IN GIVING THAN IN RE-CEIVING."

INT. - *not in 175 Acts* 20:35 NEB

1. "ALL DAY SOUGHT FOR HAPPINESS"

1. *Maximos* IN GIVING

WELL BEING, SUCH AS THE GODS ENJOY - SAME AS IN DEATITUDES, THE BEST THAT CAN HAPPEN

2. LIKE RIGHTEOUSNESS, ATTAINED, NOT BY GOING AFTER IT, BUT BY TRUSTING GOD

3. UNITED FUND "WOULD YOU RATHER BE GIVING, OR RECEIVING AID?"

4. JESUS MEANS THAT SERVING GOD AND HIS PPL BRINGS GREATER JOY THAN ANYTHING DONE FOR US

11 YOU WILL BE ENRICHED

1. DOES HE MEAN, IF YOU GIVE, GOD WILL RE-WARD YOU WITH PROSPERITY? NO! (THO IT OFTEN SEEMS TO HAPPEN THAT WAY; BUT IF THAT IS OUR AIM, WE ARE ALL WRONG)

2. MANY THANKSGIVINGS - HOW MISSIONARIES USED TO WAIT FOR NEWS OF TOTAL GIVING, OF APPROVAL OF ASKINGS - HOW MANY THANK GOD FOR OUR GENEROSITY

3. WE BECOME PARTNERS WITH GOD, SHARING IN HIS WORK OF RECONCILIATION OF HARKING

111 BLESSEDNESS OF GIVING

1. THANKS TO GOD FOR HIS INEXPRESSIBLE GIF

2. BUT GREATER BY FAR THE BLESSEDNESS OF GOD IN GIVING, THAN OURS IN RECEIVING

3. "THOUGH I GIVE ALL..... NO LOVE, NOTHING"

4. "GIVERS ARE LIKEST GOD" - TO GIVE, IN LOVE, AS GOD GIVES, IS TRULY TO BE LIKE HIM

Not merely giving; but love - but I John 3:18, 'let us not love in word'

THE BURNING BUSH

"THE BUSH WAS BURNING, YET IT WAS NOT CONSUMED."

--- EX. 3:2

INT. - REMARKABLE WAS THAT IT DID NOT BURN UP. HOW LONG DID HE WATCH? THRO THIS GOD MADE HIMSELF KNOWN TO MOSES, AND IT HAS BECOME A SYMBOC -- SEE CHURCH SEAL -- OF GOD IN HUMAN LIFE.

1 THE FIRE THAT BURNS AND DOES NOT CONSUME

1. MOSES CAUGHT FIRE, WAS AFLAME WITH ZEA FOR GOD, TRIUMPHING OVER OPPOSITION, DIS-COURAGEMENT, AND MISUNDERSTANDING BY PEOPLE

20:92. JEREMIAH, "FIRE SHUT UP IN MY BONES"

3. CLEOPAS "DID NOT OUR HEART BURN IN US?"

4. PAUL 11 COR. 11:29, "WHO IS OFFENDED AND I BURN NOT."

5. YET SUCH INTENSITY OF LIFE DOES NOT CONSUME US. BURN OUT VS. RUST OUT. MOSES

120 YRS., JEREMIAH AT LST 40 YRS. ACT. MIN PAUL BEHEADED AT 68, BRO BRYAN NEARLY 80

11 FIRE THAT DESTROYS US

1. NEW THEORY, THAT TENSION CAUSES DISEASE

2. HATE, FEAR, ANXIETY AND WORRY

3. "SAUL....THREATENINGS AND BLAUGHTER" "BEING EXCEEDINGLY MAD AGAINST THEM" AC26

4. JAMES, "WHENCE COME WARS AND FIGHTINGSFROM YOUR DESIRES"

5. "THE HEATS OF OUR DESIRE"

111 THE CHURCH A BURNING BUSH

1. "BAPTIZE.... WITH FIRE" JESUS, "I AM COMING TO SET FIRE ON THE EARTH" (TO BE ON FIRE)

2. ZEAL FOR GOD'S WORK - THE CHURCH OUGHT

3. BUT THE CHURCH IS MADE UP OF MEMBERS. IF THEY ARE INDIFFERENT TO LOST, TO NEED OF WORLD, TO OUR OWN SPIR. GROWTH, HOW IS CHURCH TO BE A BURNING BUSH?

4. WHAT SORT OF MEMBERS SHOULD BE OFFICER

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

READ DEUT. 4:15-24; JOHN 4:19-24

INT. - 1ST COM., WHAT TO WORSHIP; 2ND, HOW TO WORSHIP. NEGATIVE IN FORM, BUT IMPLIES A SPIRITUAL WORSHIP

1. OT DAYS NOT ABLE TO SAY, "GOD IS SPIRIT BUT CALLED TO WORSHIP IN A SPIRITUAL MANNER"
2. PROHIBITION OF IMAGES MEANT THAT GOD IS TOO GREAT TO BE IMAGINED OR PICTURED
3. S. CAT. "REQUIRED...RECEIVING, AND KEEPING PURE AND ENTIRE, OF ALL SUCH REL. WORSHIP AND ORDINANCES AS GOD HATH APPOINTED IN WRD"
4. ONLY THINGS PICTORIAL, OT SACRIFICES, NT SACRAMENTS, WHERE REPRESENTATION IS USED UP IN THE ACT OF WORSHIP.
5. LARGER CAT.

1. SIGNIFICANCE OF PICTURES AND IMAGES

1. GOLDEN CALF - NOT A STATUE OF GOD, BUT A REPRESENTATION OF FERTILITY - STILL WRNED
2. CORRUPTION OF XIAN WORSHIP AFTER CONST. UNDENIABLE THAT THIS INSPIRED SOME OF WORLD GREATEST ART - STILL IMPROPER FOR WORSHIP
3. DISTINCTION BET. OBJECTS OF VENERATION OR WORSHIP AND ORNAMENTATION OF SANCTUARY - SOLOMON'S TEMPLE DECORATED - USE OF XIAN SYMBOLS - DOVE, VINE, GRK LTRS, SWORD, ETC.
4. GOD IS A SPIRIT, IMPOSSIBLE TO PICTURE - JESUS WAS A MAN, WE CAN IMAGINE, ARTISTS HAVE IMAGINED AND PAINTED - SUCH PICTURES MAY STIMULATE THOUGHT - BUT NOT IN POSITION TO BE WORSHIPED

1. FLEE IDOLATRY

1. DANGER OF PARTICIPATION IN PAGAN WRSHIP
2. REASONS ANNEXED - S CAT - SEVERE TONY PROPRIETY, ZEAL...OWN WORSHIP - F. each other

2. Alters, worship centers - W. Sp. in. and 1/2

THE GOSPEL OF FORGIVENESS

"THRO THIS MAN FORGIVENESS OF SINS IS PROCLAIMED UNTO YOU."

INT. - THERE OF MARCH - EVANGELISM

- 1 JESUS - "TAKE HEART, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN"
1. PARALYTIC - WAS HE CONCERNED ANY SINS?

- PRB. NOY. HE WANTED HEALING.
2. BUT JESUS KNEW WHAT HE REALLY NEEDED
3. IS FORGIVENESS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HEALING? OR FOOD? OR CLEANLINESS?

(SALV. ARMY, SOUP, SOAP, SALVATION)

1. DO HEALING, FOOD, ETC. CEASE TO BE IMP.
5. YET SIN IS THE REAL PROBLEM, FORGIVNS THE ONLY REAL ANSWER

1. BRING ME YOUR SINS

1. JEROME'S DREAM - EDUCATION, FASTING, STUDY, WORK? JEROME, BRING ME YOUR SINS, THAT I MAY FORGIVE THEM."
2. ALL THESE THINGS MAY BE OFFERED, ALL GOOD; BUT VITAL IS TO ACCEPT FORGIVENESS

THRE X

2. GIVE HIM OUR SINS, AND CEASE TO GLOAT OVER THEM, LIKE LOT'S WIFE LOOKING BACK
4. GIVE HIM OUR SINS, AND CEASE TO CARRY THE LOAD OF THEM, ACCEPT HIS FORGIVENESS, KNOW OURSELVES FREE.

5. OUR NEIGHBOR WHO HAS SINNED, LET HIM ACCEPT FORGIVENESS, AND LET US CEASE TO BLAME HIM.

1. THE GOSPEL OF FORGIVENESS

1. THE GOOD NEWS - THIS IS REAL!
2. THEN WHY DO WE STILL CONFESS OUR SINS? BEG. WE ARE STILL SINNERS, STILL NEED FORGIVENESS
3. MANY PEOPLE UNCONCERNED, WANT LUXURY,
4. EVANGELISM - LIVING IN CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS, MANY SHALL SEE AND FEAR....

THE TRIUMPH

"THANKS BE TO GOD WHO IN CHRIST ALWAYS LEADS US IN TRIUMPH"

INT. - THANKSGIVING, ALWAYS IN ORDER

1. PAUL'S EXPERIENCE LED HIM TO GIVE THANKS

1. TARSUS, JERUSALEM, DAMASCUS, ANTIOCH, CORINTH, EPHESUS, TROAS....
2. BEATINGS, IMPRISONMENTS, SHIPWRECK, DANGER, HUNGER, COLD, "ANXIETY FOR CHURCHES" - BUT MUCH JOY TOO

3. "I'M A PRISONER, LED IN X'S TRIUMPHAL MARCH"
1. THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

1. PAUL WAS LED TO REFLECT ON IT, SO ARE WE - PILGRIM FATHERS, BLESSINGS OF NATIONAL LIFE
2. ABRAHAM, JACOB, JOSEPH, FORCED OUT BY CIRCUMSTANCES

3. MOSES, GREAT LEADER, BUT HE DIDN'T DO IT, GOD WAS LEADING, DRIVING HIM ON
4. AND ALL THE OTHERS, HOPING, TRUSTING, ERRING, SUFFERING, RESPONDING IN SOME MEASURE, BUT ALL THE TIME GOD WAS WORKING OUT HIS PURPOSE

5. THANK GOD HE DID NOT LEAVE US ALONE TO DO AS WE PLEASED!
1. THANK GOD FOR DISCIPLINE!

1. FOR HOME, PARENTAL, SCHOOL DISCIPLINE - WE ARE TREATED LIKE SONS, NOT "NOODLES"
2. FOR STRICT PARENTS, STRICT TEACHERS, FOR PROPHETS OF OLD, AND PREACHERS OF OUR DAY, WHO DO NOT MERELY SOOTHE WITH SOFT WORDS, BUT KEEP US MINDFUL OF THE DEMANDING LOVE OF GOD, "THAT WE MIGHT BE PARTAKERS OF HIS HOLINESS"

3. EVEN FOR THE MIGHTY CONVULSIONS, SOCIAL UPHEAVALS, "ALL CREATION GROANING...."
4. GOD WAS LEADING, CONTROLLING, BUT NOT WHOLLY INDEPENDENT OF MAN'S RESPONSE

- CON. "WE HAVE THE AWESOME POWER TO SAY 'NO!' BUT THANK GOD WE CAN ALSO SAY, 'YES!'"

"SO..... AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM.....TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU....." --MATT. 28:19-21

INT. - THE GREAT COMMISSION

I TELL THE GOOD NEWS

1. LUKE SAYS, "PREACH REPENTANCE AND FOR-

GIVENESS OF SINS

2. JOHN SAYS, "AS THE FATHER SENT ME....."

3. MATTHEW SAYS, "MAKE DISCIPLES.....TEACH"

4. WE CALL IT EVANGELISM - GOOD NEWS, THAT

GOD GLADLY FORGIVES OUR SINS, THAT HE CARES

FOR ALL MEN, ALL NEEDS. DOES THAT MEAN JUST

"SAYING SCHOOLS"? WHAT DID JESUS DO?

II BAPTISM, THE SIGN OF COMMITMENT

1. "THOSE WHO RECEIVED THE WORD WERE BAPTIZED"

2. NOTHING MAGICAL ABOUT IT - A SIGN AND

SEAL OF GOD'S GRACE, OUR COMMITMENT

3. THE PROMISE TO YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN -

WHEN WE COMMIT OURSELVES, WE COMMIT OUR CHURCH

TOO - MAKE CHURCH GO TO CHURCH?SCHOOLS?

III TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE - *Disciples + pupils*

1. WHAT HAD HE COMMANDED THEM?

2. WERE THE BEATITUDES COMMANDMENTS? YES

3. HIS INTERPRETATION OF TEN COMMANDMENTS?

4. "LAY NOT UP", "RESIST NOT EVIL", "BLESS

THOSE WHO PERSECUTE" "FORGIVE", "LOVE ONE

ANOTHER", "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES", "NEVEN SON",

"INASMUCH", "NOT SO AMONG YOU.....GREAT.. LAST"

5. "FOLLOW ME"

IV HOW WAS THIS TEACHING TO BE DONE?

1. WHAT DID HIS DISCIPLES DO?

A. WENT TO JERUS. CONTINUALLY IN TEMPLE,

BLESSING GOD....DEVOTED THSLVS TO PRAYER

B. THEY BECAME A COMMUNITY - APOSTLES TOLD

ABOUT JESUS, WHOLE COMMUNITY WAS WITNESS

C. SCATTERED BY PERSECUTION, PROVIDENCE,

WHEREVER THEY WENT, WITNESSES

2. WHAT CAN WE DO TODAY? OFFERING? YES, BUT

THAT'S NOT MUCH

3. TEACH THEM BY OBSERVING IT OURSELVES -

MANY DON'T BELIEVE BEC. XIANS THEY KNOW DON'T

ACT LIKE IT REALLY MEANS ANYTHING

"BEWARE LEST THERE BE AMONG YOU.....ONE WHO, WHEN HE HEARS THE WORDS OF THIS SWORN COV-
ENANT, BLESSES HIMSELF....AND SAYS, 'I SHALL BE SAFE....'" -- DEUT. 29:19

INT. - LENT, MISSIONS, BK OF MONTH

I DEUTERONOMY, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. "SECOND LAW" GREEK MISTR. FEB.

2. BOOK OF LAW FOUND IN 622, EXISTENCE

UNKNOWN OR FORGOTTEN (11 KI. 22:8)

3. CONTAINS SUPPOSED ADDRESSES OF MOSES,

LAW ESP. RELATED TO CENTRAL PL. OF WORSHIP

4. *Emphasizes LOVE OF GOD; RESPONSE ONE*

5. ALSO EMPHASIZES DANGER OF DISREGARDING

THE COVENANT MEANS ME

1. STOP AND THINK - ALL YOU HAVE SEEN MEAN

THE LORD IS GOD

2. "THIS SWORN COVENANT" - THEY ACCEPTED

IT UNDER SOLEMN OATH - INCLUDING "THOSE

NOT HERE THIS DAY"(VV 14,15)

3. DOES THAT MEAN US? OR HAVE WE FORGOTTEN

THE VOWS WE MADE WHEN WE JOINED CHURCH?

4. SOMEONE MAY THINK, "I CAN HAVE BENEFIT

ODDGE THE RESPONSIBILITIES"COULD THEY THEM?

CAN WE NOW?

III LENT - A NEW LOOK AT THE COVENANT

1. IN THE LIGHT OF THE CROSS

2. IN THE LIGHT OF CHURCH HISTORY - EARLY

CHURCH, PERSECUTION; STATE CHURCH; DARK

AGES; REFORMATION; NEW MISSIONARY AGE;

PRESENT TIME

3. GOD'S COVENANT IS WITH ALL HIS PEOPLE -

WE CAN'T PULL OUT AND SAY, "BECAUSE OTHERS

ARE CORRUPT, WE'LL PULL OUT AND BE GOD'S

PEOPLE BY OURSELVES"

"ARE YOU STILL SLEEPING....? RISE, LET US BE GOING."

--MATT. 26:45-46

INT. - RALLY DAY - TEXT, OR PRETEXT?

I ARE YOU STILL SLEEPING?

1. THESE WERE THE THREE BEST - OTHERS FRANKL

ASLEEP, EXCEPT JUDAS

2. THEY HAD HAD A HARD DAY (SO HAD JESUS) -

BUT IF THEY CARED GREATLY....AWAKE

3. IN CHURCH TODAY, SOME MORE ACTIVE THAN

OTHERS, MOST ACTIVE NOT DOING ENOUGH

4. RALLY DAY - RISE UP, LET US BE GOING

II GOD DOESN'T LET US ALONE

1. HE DIDN'T LET ABRAHAM ALONE - "GO OUT TO

A LAND THAT I WILL SHOW"

2. OR ISAAC, OR JACOB, OR JOSEPH - CIRCUM-

STANCES DROVE THEM ON TO GOD'S PURPOSE

3. OR MOSES - "LET ME ALONE, I'VE TRIED ONCE,

PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO BE DELIVERED, LET ME KEEP

SHEEP" - "GO TO PHARAOH....LET MY PEOPLE GO"

4. AND THE PROPHETS, AND THE APOSTLES, AND.....

5. EX. JEREMIAH, "I WON'T PREACH ANY MORE.....

FIRE IN MY BONES...."

6. GOD'S MERCY IS EXPRESSED, NOT IN BEING

EASY ON US, BUT IN DEMANDING THAT WE KNOW HIM,

SERVE HIM THE BEST WE CAN

III RALLY DAY

1. WHY HAVE A RALLY? BECAUSE WE ALL TEND TO

GET SLACK - "WATCH AND PRAY....TEMPTATION"

2. AV. ATTENDANCE, 70, 39, 26; 71, 35, 23 -

OFFERINGS, TOO - NOTHING ON BENEV THIS YEAR

3. DO WE REALLY WANT TO HAVE A CHURCH HERE?

HOW MUCH DO WE CARE?

4. AND WHAT IS PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH? TO BRING

PPL TOGETHER AS PPL OF GOD, DO WHAT HE WANTS -

WHAT DID JESUS DO WHILE ON EARTH? HELP PPL IN

NEED, TEACH WAY OF GOD, MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH

FATHER, GIVE HIMSELF - IS CHURCH DOING THAT?

CON - RISE, LET US BE GOING - WHERE? THEY

HAD NO IDEA - NOR HAVE WE, BUT WHERE HE LEADS,

LET'S BE GOING

It's this revival

Looking to know ourselves

1. To say it with a time for prayer, that,

"ALL WHO ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD ARE SONS OF GOD."

--ROM. 8:14

INT. - PENTECOST, THE 50TH DAY - 40 DAYS OF APPEARANCES, THE ASCENSION, 10 DAYS OF WAITING THEN THE EVENT THAT GAVE A NEW DIMENSION TO REL. BET. GOD AND MAN. PAUL INTERPRETED IT IN TEXT

I THE SPIRIT OF GOD

1. GOD IS SPIRIT - IS HS OTHER THAN GOD?

(TRINITY NEXT SUNDAY)

2. SPIRIT OF GOD IN YOU, SPIRIT OF X IN YOU, X IN YOU.....

3. SPIRIT OF HIM WHO RAISED X....IN YOU, YOUR

BODIES ALIVE

4. NOT JUST THOSE WITH SPECIAL GIFTS (PAUL SAID TO CORINTHIANS) HAVE HS, BUT ANYONE WHO CAN SAY, X IS LORD

5. WHEN WE SAY "OUR FATHER" WE DON'T SAY IT ALONE, SPIRIT IS IN US, SAYING HE REALLY IS FATH

II SONS OF GOD

1. YOU ARE NOT IN THE FLESH, ...IN THE SPIRIT - YET WE ARE STILL FLESH, OUR BODIES STILL FEEL HUNGER, COLD, PAIN - WE DON'T CEASE TO BE OURSEL

2. BUT WE ARE IN THE SPIRIT - GOD IS REALLY IN US - WE CAN'T PROVE IT, SAY, "LOOK, GOD IN ME" - BUT HE REALLY IS.

3. WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN, PART OF HIM AS TRULY AS WE ARE PART OF EARTHLY PARENTS - WE CAN'T PROVE THAT EITHER

4. WE ARE NOT SET FREE FROM BODY AND ITS NEEDS - STILL HAVE SINFUL DESIRES - ANGER, REGRETMENT, SELFISHNESS, GREED, ENVY, ETC. WE KNOW CONTRARY TO GOD, STRIVE AGAINST THEM, STMS UNSUCCESSFULLY

5. BUT WE ARE HIS CHILDREN; AND...

III THE SPIRIT HELPS US IN OUR WEAKNESS

1. WE TRY TO PRAY, MINDS WANDER, FALL ASLEEP

2. WE TRY TO PRAY, PRAY SELFISHLY

3. WE TRY TO PRAY, CURSE - LORD, YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME, I WON'T HAVE IT! SMITE ALL MY ENEMIE

4. SPIRIT IN US PRAYS, EVEN THRO OUR INEFFECTIV

PRAYER - INTERCEDES - OF. FEB. 7:25

5. EYE HATH NOT SEEN...SPIRIT SEARCHES DEPTHS

6. CHILDREN, HEIRS, JOINT HEIRS W/ X

Can't Pentecost - rejoice in presence

THE MAN WITH A LAMP

"AT THAT TIME I WILL SEARCH JERUSALEM WITH LAMPS....I WILL PUNISH THE MEN....WHO SAY, 'THE LORD WILL NOT DO EVIL,....DO GOOD.'"

--ZEPHANIAH 1:12

INT. - DIOGENES - ZEPH IN MEDIEVAL ART

I ZEPHANIAH PREACHED IN PREP. FOR REVIVAL

1. "THE DAY OF THE LORD" - TERRIBLE FOR HIS PEOPLE, DISASTROUS FOR HIS ENEMIES

2. A SACRIFICE - QUESTS BIDDEN - EVIL RULIN TO BE SACRIFICIAL VICTIMS

3. A WARNING TO THE INDIFFERENT

4. MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR REDEEMED ISRAEL

II JOSIAH'S REVIVAL - 622 B. C.

1. SWING OF PENDULUM AFTER MANASSEH

2. DISCOVERY OF LAW, REAL, SINCERE EFFORT

3. TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE - NOT FAR ENOUGH AND NOT NEAR DEEP ENOUGH

4. TOO LATE TO AVERT DISASTER

III WAS ZEPHANIAH'S PREACHING IN VAIN?

1. MESSAGE OF HOPE IN CH. 3 NOT FULFILLED

- ON CONTRARY, DESTRUCTION IN 35 YEARS

2. Z. PREACHED IN FAITH AND HOPE THAT REV. WOULD REALLY SUCCEED; BUT HE WAS RIGHT - GREATEST PROBLEM WAS INDIFFERENCE.

3. "HOW MUCH OF A MIRACLE CAN YOU EXPECT FOR A NICKEL'S WORTH OF PRAYER?"

4. WHAT ABOUT OUR DAY? - MORAL SYSTEM ABOUT TO COLLAPSE

5. GOD'S GRACE AVAILABLE, BUT WE MUST GO "ALL OUT" FOR HIM. A LITTLE BIT OF RELIGION IS REALLY NONE

OF THING OWN

"All things come of thee; and of thine own have we given thee." -- I Chron. 29:1

INT. - I Chron, Book of Menth (14

I First Chronicles - Review of History

1. Written after exile, possibly by Ezra

Last book (I&II) of Hebrew OT.

2. Some passages identical w/ Sam or King

some in conflict, esp. some indep. sources

3. Written fr. point of view of centuries after, easier to see meaning, just as now we can beg. to understand American Civil

II Looking Back at the Temple

1. While there, often neglected, misused

2. Destroyed by Neb's army, as Jeremiah predicted. (Many thought, "God can't let that happen")

3. After exile, after, w/ inf. labor, a far inferior temple erected, they could look back and imagine what it was like to build first one.

4. Ever see a broken down, abandoned church think with what joy somebody once dedicated it to God?

III What a Blessed Thing to Give to House of God! *Blk the ... the ... these ones*

1. Text, often sung after offering, often perfunctorily, w/ thinking - off. given in same way - or do we stop to think of glory of being part of God's work? *J. Newton*

2. "All the church is after is money" - Peter to Simon Magus, "To hell with you and your money!" (Phillips)

3. Presbyterian Development Fund, 1963

4. Will fut. historians look back at 20th Cent., say, "They had frdm of rel., church

45th cent. ... last ... new ...

"He imitates or God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as X loved us, and gave himself up for us..." -- Eph. 5:1-2

Int. - Grk wrds for child *paidion*, *paides* *teknyai*; 14, don't be babies, grow up. It is Xmas & Children's Festival?

1. Some think so, ev'ing built around S Cl these, too old for S. Claus too old for Xmas
2. Every time is for chdn - seek to involve them in all that goes on in church

- a. Bring chdn, even babies to church
- b. Never treat them as unimportant

3. "Happy, carefree chdn.." trying to shld chdn fr all resp, all serious issues, is preparing them to be UNhappy, irresp adults

II Beloved Children (KJV Dear) *tenne apanta*

1. Love!, knowing ths lvs loved - parents not softies, easy touch, bgt people who ~~are~~ about them, (even care enough to punish)
2. This is sort of love God has for us - not indulgent, but self giving love, also demanding love - we are dear to Him, dear enough that he cares wh hms to us - should know ourselves to be so

3. Feeling that we "belong" not strangers, outsiders - part of family - beloved chdn

4. Wking in love - not only feeling, expres

III Imitators of God *h.k. can be just anything*

1. Wise men brot gifts - but gift a king really wants fr subjects is obedience, loytl conforming to his ideal, purpose
2. Purpose of X's coming, to reveal God to man, by becoming man

3. In order that man imitate, become like God - "that HE... first born of MARY..."

4. Unless you become a child ren

not entering

"Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today and for ever." -- Heb. 13:8

Int. - Christmas is about Christ - not just the baby Jesus, but the Lord Christ

I "Before Abraham was, I am" - John 8:58

1. X existed from all eternity - concept of time - God not limited by time sequence

as we are - Lewis, *Beyond Personality*, comp w/ novelist, whole story present, complete, in his mind - *villein* already conquered, et

2. Prophets saw him in prophetic vision, (Jo. 8:5) but not fully compreh. (1 Pet 1:10)

3. They did not understand, but trusted wh they know of God; trusting the Father, unknowingly they trusted the Son - is it possible

th. many devout Jews since then have done a

4. From all eternity our redemption was purposed, accomplished in mind of God - I am slain fr. foundation of W. (Rev. 13:8) Dest. before found. of w., but made manifest at end of time for your sake (1 Pet. 1:20)

II Made Manifest for Your Sake - Today (then)

1. Gal. 4:4, in fullness of time... born of a
2. The event we celebrate at Xmas was manifestation in time of wh. God had done fr. all eternity

3. Made manifest for your (our) sake - so that men might see, know, that purpose of God was fully brought to pass

III And For ever

1. What he was before his manifestation, and was witnessed to be at his Manif. he still is, and will be for ever

2. For every where as well as every when uttermost part of earth - no pl so remote, important that it may be disregarded.

No Xmas, no love - giving, giving, giving

3. *And if you don't love, you can't give*

4. *And if you don't love, you can't give*

5. *And if you don't love, you can't give*

"WE... ARE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN..." - Phil. 3:20
INT. JULY 4, 195 YEARS! 203

WE ARE ALSO CITIZENS OF THE U. S. A.

1. WHAT IS NATIONALISM?

2. PRINCIPLE OF SELF DETERMINATION VS. T

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF IT - PROLIFERATION OF NATIONS IN AFRICA - CZECHOSLOVAKIA, QUEBEC (FRENCH OR ENGLISH?) AMER. MOVING IN TEXAS, ISRAELIS INTO PALESTINE UNTIL MAJOR OVERLAPPING RACES IN SE ASIA

3. MIRACLE AT PHILADELPHIA - EACH STATE HAS TO CONCEDE STNG TO HAVE ONE NATION - AND IF INTERNATIONAL LAW TO BE MAINTAINED, EACH NATION MUST CONCEDE PART OF SOVEREIGNTY

4. THANK GOD FOR OUR NATION, OFTEN THREATENED WITH DIVISION

II WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN'S DUTY TO THE STATE?

1. ~~Three~~ BASICS: OBE. TO LAW, PERSONAL HONESTY AND SOBRIETY, KINDNESS AND CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS - *4* Serve & defend if needed

2. BUT WHAT ELSE? ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHANGE OF LAW? EVEN FOR CHANGE OF GOV'T?

ARE WE SLAVES TO STATUS QUO? JUST SUBMIT, NO MATTER HOW UNJUST LAWS, OR CORRUPT OFFICIALS

Ex. CUBA - MANY CUBANS LEFT, IF THEY COULD GET OUT; MANY XIANS DISAPPROVED, BUT STAYED MANY (MAJORITY?) FELT THAT HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OUTWEIGHED OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES OF MARXIST GOVE, BETTER TH BAT. EXPLOITATION

3. PROPHETS SAID, "SEEK JUSTICE" - HOW CAN WE BRING ABOUT JUSTICE?

III WE ARE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

1. PHILIPPI WAS ROMAN COLONY, PROUD OF IT

2. XIANS ARE A COLONY OF HEAVEN - ANALOGY OF OUR RESIDENCE IN BRASIL - WE LIVED THERE, LOVED IT, WORKED FOR IT, PAID TAXES, OBEYED LAWS - BUT OUR REAL LOYALTY TO U. S.

3. WE LIVE IN PRESENT WORLD, UNDER WHATEVER GOV'T, BUT OUR REAL LOYALTY IS TO X, WE MUST OBEY HIM, EVEN IF BREAKING NAT'L LAW

"Thou shalt not steal" — Ex. 20:15

Int. Picture of butcher pressing down on scales, while woman pressed up.

I, A Sin Universally Despised, yet done

1. Nobody wants to be called a thief
 2. Many people steal
 3. Others do things equivalent to theft
- II There are many forms of stealing.

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1. Failing to pay just debts -- charge accts., cold checks, prop. in wife's name
2. False weights and measures ~~at church~~
3. Profiteering and exploitation
4. Unjust claims ag. ins., etc. Shyster
5. Legal theft - contract vs moral right

2. False weights and measures

3. Profiteering and exploitation

5. Legal theft - contract was never written

I Cat. -- "lawful procuring and furthering"

ing of outward estate of ourself, or oth.

our own or our neighbor's wealth or out-

1. Wasting our own wealth is sin.

2. If it hurts our neighbor, even if we do not profit by it, it is evil.

3. If a man provide not for his own...

IV We need a scrupulous honesty, toward

- i. larg. cat. "moderation of wills, for ourselves and others.
aff. conc. worldly goods, .. provident can to get, keep, use, and dispose of th. necessary and conv. for sust. of nat. and suitable to our condition"

2. Care in keeping records -- "elvo act

What books call for, rest is mine".
V Will a man not Gods. *Wrote in his hall*

Keeping for ourselves unduly. When

Then shall not cost - \$78.14
2nd - Division of Con. again - house
inle - or wife, house?

Meaning of word

1. To design - 7477 - Dent 5.21, 8.20.177

3. To fix the window - fix window
4. To extend the arms for anything extend arms
5. To winter for more, winter for more
6. One who loves silver, silver lover

→ The two countries are politically friendly

III. Not only not to tobacco, but not on drugs.

2. Attacks the root of problem.

3. The expression of selfishness

4. How you feel over program - do
T.V. because of conclusion?

1. Degree of being concerned by

weather - wind - temperature - humidity - precipitation - clouds - moon - stars - planets - galaxies - universe

2. Love of money (E. 1 Tim. 6: 10) - by this their arms fail, joined with many things.
3. Betting and gambling - a sure way not likely - danger & evil of it.

~~fact~~ "Environment is industry"

the best gift (below)

TV Deane the
Janis tried to be dumb.

If a man does the work, and work.

- $$(\partial \varphi / \partial u)(u_0) = \varphi'(u_0)$$

THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY."

-- EX. 20:14

INT. - SUBJECT NOT "PROPER" TO PREACH ABOUT; BUT NEWSPAPERS ARE FULL OF IT, PLAYS, STORIES, PICTURES CONSTANTLY TAKEN UP WITH IT; SURELY PROPER THAT TEACHING OF GOD'S WORD ON THIS SUBJECT BE BROUGHT TO PEOPLE.

1 MALE AND FEMALE

1. PEOPLE ARE ANIMALS - EAT AND DRINK LIKE ANIMALS, REPRODUCE LIKE ANIMALS; BUT WHILE BEASTS FREELY FIGHT AND DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER, WE RECOGNIZE HIGHER LAW, IN REPRODUCTION TOO

2. DISTINCTION BET. LUST AND PROPER DESIRE

3. TWO WRONG ATTITUDES TOWARD SEX - A. DIRTY FOR OUR AMUSEMENT. SEX AN IMPORTANT PART OF LIFE, TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

4. SEX DRIVES STRONG IN US, MAY LEAD TO SIN

5. "FORNICATION" SIN AGAINST HIS OWN BODY

CHEAPENING SEX BY TREATING IT AS MERE COMMODITY - CONTRAST "POSSESS HIS VESSEL UNTO HOLINESS"

11 MARRIAGE

1. NOT A CONCESSION TO SIN - "WELF & CHRETLICHES" 1908

2. A SOLEMN ENGAGEMENT BEFORE GOD - "I HAVE CHOSEN YOU"

WEDDING IN A CHURCH, OR BY A MINISTER

TO RECOGNIZE THAT VOWS ARE MADE, NOT MERELY BET. PARTIES, BUT IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GOD'S LAW

3. IDEALLY INDISSOLUBLE; BUT HUMAN SIN AND WEAKNESS MAY MAKE SEPARATION UNAVOIDABLE

4. BUT IF VOWS TAKEN SERIOUSLY, WITH PATIENCE FORBEARANCE AND LOVE ALMOST ANY MARRIAGE CAN SUCCEED.

III IS THIS COMMANDMENT STILL IN EFFECT?

1. MANY SAY "NO" - "OUT OF DATE", "AWAY WITH 'THOU SHALT NOT'S'" "DO WHAT YOU PLEASE" - RESULT, PROMISCUITY, ANARCHY - AND MISERY

2. DR. SAYS, "GIRLS, WAIT TILL THE WEDDING 'HAPPIER SO"

3. OBEY THIS COM. BEC IT IS RIGHT - BUT YOU WILL BE HAPPIER SO.

With Commandment
You're a liar!

I Witness Bearing

1. Cat. requires protesting truth before man, and our own and our neighbors' good name, esp. in witness bearing

2. Evils of slander & scandal - if true it is often best not to say it. If doubtful, we have no right to say it. If it is base & cowardly sin!

3. Danger of spreading rumors - "they say" - danger in waiting; play in peace

II Need of care in speech, to maintain truth

1. Fiction & imagination all right as long as it's understood to be such

2. Exaggeration - fish stories, etc. - play of fancy - that inspires credence. But truth itself is not believed

3. Two people to tell truth - "I'm over 18"

III Is a lie ever justifiable?

1. Santa Claus & fairy stories

2. Marxist knows all the secrets

3. Threats & promises - "ten bucks"

4. Diplomatic speech

IV Speak the truth

1. Filibusters & honest are best in long run

2. B. lies is an abomination, tells his "all ways" - lake of pure vinegar

3. Truth is positive, powerful and brightening - "I shall know the truth, and I shall know the truth, and I shall know the truth"

"Then shalt have no other gods before me" - Deut. 5:7

of it in Larger Catechism, 95, 96, 97, 99

I Keep all these words & commandments that I have given thee, that thou mayest prosper and increase in number, and thou mayest be long-lived, and thou mayest be happy, and thou mayest be successful in all thy ways

1. Required in 1st Com. - know & acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our Lord, & to worship and glorify him accordingly

2. Larger catechism

3.

II What is forbidden?

1. Other gods - hard to get people to believe in one God - but many believe in many gods - do plenty of other things - position of God - true, social position, wealth, etc.

3. Wrong attitudes toward God - Larger catechism.

III Divine intolerance - before me

1. Breaches & promises - even taken another - won't hurt a Presbyterian with Crying of Britain -

2. Because he is God, & only God, he is not like any other. Truth can't be tolerant of error.

3. We demand one undivided God, almighty & sovereign

"(Ishmael) shall be a wild ass kind of man his hand against every man... against him."

-- Genesis 16:12

Int. - "...Stam's o'er his head..."

I Ishmael, and the Ishmaelites

1. Modern Arabs claim descent fr. Ishmael
2. And in many points they are like him
3. Other peoples have been so - Sioux and Apaches - *Zulus*

4. And yet Ishmael was beloved of God, part of the Plan, to be a great nation, even if not a good nation.

II Criminals and Outcasts

1. Not only nations, but groups and indiv. "Preacher, you're wasting your time..."

2. We have to face the fact that there are such people, unreformed, apparently unreformable - robbers, who will plunder you if the get a chance, kill you if you get in way - who have only contempt for law and order

3. And not only outlaws, but outcasts - who feel unwanted, hated by society - don't want a job, don't want to be clean, or honest, or law abiding - who resent it if you try to help, still more if you don't
4. And there are enemy nations, Russians, Chinese... suspicious, threatening

III What Can Be Done?

1. Drop bombs, kill 'em out?
2. What did Jesus do? "Pub. and sinners - REAL sinners - he wasn't afraid of getting his hands dirty, even of getting hurt - he DID get hurt. He loved, somehow they know it was real, responded it it

3. *Agst Cent.* oh - holed up, held secret *mtg.*, still told abt X, even if got hurt

4. God cares about Ishmael, do we?

"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy,"
Read Isa. 58: 13-14; Neh. 13:15-22;

Mark 2:23 - 3:5.

Int. -- Unique among commandments -- Xian Sabbath -- Presbyterian tradition.

I A spiritual resource to be conserved

1. Ezek. 20:12 "I gave them my sabbaths to be a sign bet. me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanct."
2. Sabbath made for man

3. God doesn't exact one day in seven of us -- he offers it to us. But we must accept it as God's holy day, or not rec.B.

II How should it be observed?

1. Sh. cat. "Holy resting... spending... public and priv. ex. of God's worship, except ... necessity and mercy."

2. "Forbids omission or careless perfor of duties... profaning day by IDLENESS, ... sinful... unnecessary ... worldly emp. rec

3. What about Sunday movies, baseball, fishing, etc.? Waste of precious day
Woman that missed \$2.00 show, looking for lost quarter.

III Keep it holy -- or lose it forever

1. Sabbath a sign, meaningless unless made different from other days.

2. If Xians don't make it different, not by blue laws, but by accepting gladly God's program, the day will become more and more commercialized, and finally lost

3. "Call the S. a delight" - it can be -- only by keeping it holy

"Honor thy father and thy mother,"

-- Ex. 20:12

Int. Grouping of commandments -- unique position and significance of fifth.

I The Home a Cross Section of Society

1. Cat. "preserving the honor and performing the duties .. everyone in sev. stations, sup., inf., and equals."

2. In home -- grandparents, parents, children, brothers, sisters, older and younger, masters and servants. *Teacher*

3. Superiors -- love, pray for, admonish, instruct, counsel, discipline, protect.

4. Inferiors -- Love, respect, obedience, loyalty, patient forbearance, mater. aid if needed, prayer and Thanks. and imit

5. Equals -- Regard dignity and worth of each other, unselfishness in q. of place and preferment, rejoicing in each other's gifts and advancement as their own.

II Specific commandment -- Honor thy Father and thy Mother.

1. "Honor all men... honor the king" but one of ten for this -- Mother's day
2. Appreciation of parental affection and service. Obey... in the Lord.

3. Respect for the past -- keeping faith

4. Young people think they know it all, but maybe the old man knows something.

III The promise -- "that it may be well .. and that thou mayest live long."

1. First -- and only com. with promise.
2. It cannot be well with us unless we learn to honor and to practice, unself service and faithfulness

Children learned to obey, to command

"THEY WOULD HAVE US REMEMBER THE POOR;
WHICH VERY THING I WAS EAGER TO DO."

-- GAL. 2:10

INT. -- "NOW WE'RE COMING TO THE POOR
HOUSE"

1 REMEMBER THE POOR

1. WHO ARE THE POOR? (IN BRAZIL I WAS RICH)
 2. THE DESERVING POOR -- D. LULA
 3. THE UNGRATEFUL, UNCOOPERATIVE -- SOCRATE
 4. SCANDAL OF PUBLIC RELIEF -- WAR ON POVERTY
- IF DON'T FEED THE BEARS

1. PRICE XIANG

2. "INASMUCH..." IF WE FAIL TO FEED THE HUNGRY, WE FAIL THE GOSPEL
3. IF WE FEED THEM, DO NO MORE, WE FAIL TO
4. IF WE DO FEED THEM, THEY MAY TURN ON US LIKE THE BEARS

III OUR WITNESS -- IN A WORLD WHERE THE MOST STRIKING FACT IS AFFLUENCE AND POVERTY

1. "YOU'VE GOT MAMA IN THERE WITH YOU!"
2. TELL PEOPLE ABOUT X, SALVATION, THEY SAY, "THAT'S OK FOR YOU, BUT WE'RE HUNGRY!"
3. THIS OFFERING NOT DESIGNED TO FEED THE POOR, BUT TO BEAR WITNESS. DELTA MINISTRY
4. OFFERING TO REINFORCE WORK OF OUR BOARD
5. DR. GRENPELL'S SWIMMING POOL
6. OUR CONVERSATION WITH DR. FUSCO

POLICIES AND PROJECTIONS -- MANY CRITICIZE, AS C. ALABAMA, WE MAY NOT AGREE, BUT WE BELIEVE IN THEM; AND SUPPORT WITH PRAYERS, CONFIDENCE, GIFTS, TO BEAR WITNESS.

ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT BY ITSELF, UNLESS IT ABDS IN THE VINE, NO MORE CAN YOU, UNLESS YOU ABIDE IN ME."

--- JOHN 15:4

INT. -- FIGURES USED BY JESUS -- SHEPHERD, FARMER, HOUSEHOLDER,VINE

1 RELATIONSHIP BET X AND XIAN

1. BELIEVE IN ME -- LINGLE'S DRUNKEN SOLDIER
2. CONFESS ME
3. FOLLOW ME -- LOVE ME
4. ABIDE IN ME (BODY)

1. TO ABIDE IN HIM IS TO BE PART OF VINE, PART OF VINE, OR NOTHING.

2. "BEAR FRUIT" -- GRAPES NOT THE ONLY FRUIT -- LEAVES ALSO IMPORTANT

3. AND IT'S NOT A VINE WITH JUST ONE BRANCH -- XIAN FAITH IS INDIVIDUAL, PERSONAL, BUT XIAN IS NOT ALONE, BUT PART OF VINE, BODY

- CHURCH LETTER IN TRUNK -- WHETHER WE WANT TO BE OR NOT, IF WE ABIDE IN X WE ARE PART OF THE VINE, THE BODY, THE CHURCH

4. Metaphorically DEFINED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH -- NOT MERELY LITERAL MEMBER, BUT LIVING AND WITNESSING TO X IN HIS BODY, CHURCH

III THE CHURCH -- HUMAN AND DIVINE

1. MADE UP OF PEOPLE, SINFUL, IGNORANT, WEAK SUBJECT TO ERROR, OFTEN MOVED BY PREJUDICE, SELFISHNESS, STUBBORNNESS, BUT BEING TRANSFORMED BY HOLY SPIRIT -- BODY OF X

2. OUTWARD ORG. COMES FROM HISTORY -- WE BELIEVE FAITH PUREST, BUT PRICE AND ARROGANCE JUST AS BAD IN PRESBYTERY AS IN POPE

3. ABIDE IN ME -- BE PART OF VINE, GROW, CHANGE, AS SPIR. LEADS -- PICTURE OF G.A.S. 144.

X A SONG ABOUT LOVE

"SET ME AS A SEAL UPON YOUR HEART.....
LOVE IS AS STRONG AS DEATH.....
IF A MAN OFFERED FOR LOVE ALL THE WEALTH....
IT WOULD BE UTTERLY SCORNE."

--SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6-7

INT. -- CLARE B. LUCE ON SEXUAL REVOLUTION
I SONG OF SOLOMON, BOOK OF MONTH

1. NOT BY, ABOUT SOLOMON -- AND SHULLAMITH
2. A POEM, OR SERIES OF POEMS, ABOUT LOVE
3. DRAMATIC FORM -- GROOM SPEAKS, BRIDE, ETC
4. IT SPEAKS FRANKLY OF DELIGHT OF MAN AND WOMAN IN EACH OTHER

5. FULL OF FIGURES OF CHOICEST FLOWERS, FRUITS, SPICES, PERFUMES

6. PEOPLE SAID, "IT CAN'T REALLY BE ABOUT WH. IT APPEARS TO BE ABOUT, OR WHY IN BIBLE?"

7. THEY SAID, "ABOUT X AND THE CHURCH" BUT WHEN APOSTLES SOUGHT FIGURE FOR THIS, USED RELATIONSHIP OF HUSBAND AND WIFE

11 IT IS IN THE BIBLE

1. ALMOST DIDN'T MAKE IT, BUT DID
2. IT PRESENTS A WHOLESOME VIEW OF SEX AS A GOOD THING, A NORMAL PART OF LIFE

3. SEX ALWAYS A PROBLEM, CHURCH TORN BETWEEN LAXITY AND ASCETICISM

III THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION

1. BOOKS, MOVIES, PLAYS, ADVERTISING, ALL REFLECT PLAYBOY MENTALITY -- DO AS YOU PLEASE WHO CARES ABOUT OLD TIME "MORSEY?"

2. ALL PART OF PATTERN OF WORSHIP OF LUXURY EXAMPLE OF DECADENT ROME

3. MOTHER'S DAY -- MEANS NTHG UNLESS FAMILY LIFE, MARRIAGE, MEAN STHG -- IF PLAYBOY MENT PREVAILS, FAM. LIFE GOES DOWN THE DRAIN (AS MANY ARE SAYING IT ALREADY HAS) WANT THAT?

4. CAN'T EAT...HAVE IT TOO -- IF OPT FOR PROY ATTITUDE, MARRIAGE CEASES TO HAVE MEANING

5. MARRIAGE, ONE TO ONE LOVE BET MAN AND WOMAN, NOT A MERE SENTIMENTALITY

6. SONG OF S. PRESENTS THAT IDEAL -- 60 QNS,MY BELOVED ONLY ONE

"Thou shalt not Kill". -- Ex 20:13

Int. -- Second section: duty to animals and men.
7 words kill man, 3 animals (kill).

I Universal agreement -- it is a sin to

1. Human life is sacred, as God's gift.

"I guard as God's high gift from sin and wrong"

2. Cat. "All lawful endeavors to preserve our own, and life of others."

"Forbids taking our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever toucheth thereunto."

3. We must respect our neighbor's life

II There are special conditions. Xian people not agreed about them.

1. Capital punishment

2. War -- John's advice to soldiers.

3. Self defense, or defense of weaker (Not the same thing as retaliation for wrong done)

4. "Resist not evil" an ideal difficult of attainment.

5. "If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants fight". But we are in the world, and part of earthly order

III Spiritual content of commandment

1. He that hateth his brother

2. Responsibility for human life -- ox

goring, parapet on house. Reckless driving. To save life, or to kill? Killing by neglect.

4. To save souls, not destroy them?

"AND THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES' TEACHING AND FELLOWSHIP, AND THE BREAKING OF BREAD, AND THE PRAYERS." -- ACTS 2:42

INT. -- LIFE IN EARLY CHURCH

I THE APOSTLES' TEACHING

1. PAUL, TO ELDERS AT EPHESUS, "I TAUGHT YOU PUBLICLY, AND FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE" -- TEACHING CONTENT OF SS, AND APPLICATION TO LIVING

2. SERMON OF GARY JONES, CRISIS IN XIAN ED.

3. CHURCH IS NOT TAKING TEACHING SERIOUSLY -- SO MUCH TO BE TAUGHT: CONTENT OF SS, HISTORY OF CHURCH, DOCTRINE OF CHURCH, GOVERNMENT, ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES, HYMNS, MODES OF WORSHIP AND SERVICE

4. AND WE HAVE ONE HOUR A WEEK -- PLUS WHAT WE CAN DO ON WED. NITE, PYF, AND S. SCHOOL

5. IS S. SCHOOL A PARASITE? UNIFIED SERVICE AT ARCOLA

6. ARE WE REALLY TRYING?

II FELLOWSHIP

1. EDDIE'S ANSWER ON HOW TO SUPPORT CHURCH.... PLAYING GAMES. RIGHT? FLSPH IS NOT BAIT TO GET PEOPLE TO CHURCH, IT IS PART OF CHURCH

2. CE AT WHITESBURG

3. CAMPS AND CONFERENCES -- MEANINGFUL BECAUSE PEOPLE GET TOGETHER

4. CHURCH SUPPER TONIGHT, AND OTHER FLSPH SUPPERS -- ALL TOO EASY TO BREAK INTO CLIQUES. WE NEEDED TO GET TOGETHER

III PRAYERS (CHANGING ORDER)

1. DRAWING NEAR TO GOD, CONSCIOUSLY, PURSUELY

2. PRAISE, THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, PETITION

3. IN PRAYER WE BECOME PART OF GOD, HIS POWER IS RELEASED IN US, FOR US

IV BREAKING OF BREAD -- COMMUNION

1. TO THEM, NEW, EXCITING -- IS IT WORN OUT?

2. EPIS. CH., LITTLE CHON WITH PARENTS

3. OUR STEPPED UP PROGRAM OF COMMUNION

4. COMMUNION IS TEACHING, IS FELLOWSHIP, IS PRAYER, IS WORSHIP

HOW CAN I KNOW THAT I AM A XIAN?

I JOHN 3:19-24

INT. -- BOOK OF MONTH -- I JOHN -- "WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD WE DECLARED" -- BUT WHAT ABOUT THE GUY THAT HASN'T SEEN....?

I IT ALL SOUNDS SO SIMPLE

1. BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

2. BE BAPTIZED, IF NOT ALREADY

3. JOIN CHURCH IF NOT ALREADY MEMBER

4. WE DO ALL THAT, AND STILL WONDER -- "IS IT REAL? HAVE I REALLY A NEW LIFE?"

HEATER WITH CANDLES INSIDE

II CONFIDENCE IN GOD

1. MAYBE WE HAVE NO PROBLEM -- THEN FINE. SOME REALLY DON'T HAVE, MANY DO

2. IF OUR HEARTS CONDEMN US --

A. I BELIEVE, I'VE FOLLOWED INSTRUCTION STILL NO MIRACLE, NO INWARD LIGHT -- AM I JUST A HYPOCRITE, CLAIMING TO BE SAVED?

B. I STILL FEEL SINFUL IMPULSES, STMS YIELD TO THEM -- MY HEART TELLS ME I AM STILL LOST, NO CHANGE AT ALL

3. CONFIDE THAT GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR HEARTS. HE SAID IT, AND IT IS REALLY SO. THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY, THO WE STILL FEEL NOTHING AT ALL

XXX 4. WE ASK FORGIVENESS, SALVATION, CONFIDE THAT WE HAVE IT, THO WE FEEL NOTHING

III BELIEVE AND LOVE

1. BEL. IN NAME OF LORD JESUS X -- I.E., BEL. IN LOVE OF GOD FOR US, OPEN HEART TO LOVE HIM IN RESPONSE

2. TRY TO EXTEND THAT LOVE OF GOD TO OTHERS

3. LIKE LEARNING TO PLAY INSTRUMENT -- DO WH. TCHR SAYS, ONLY SQUAWKS -- BUT IT IS POSSIBLE. ALRM SOME, SOME MUCH

GOD IS AVAILABLE

EVERY ONE THAT IS GODLY PRAY... WHEN THOU MAYEST BE FOUND; SURELY IN THE FLOODS OF GREAT WATERS THEY SHALL NOT COME NIGH TO HIM

-- PSALM 37:6

INT. - PSALMS NOT DIRECT REVELATION, BUT HUMAN REFLECTION OF IT (ISA. 55:7)

I SEEK YE THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND

1. GOD IS ALWAYS NEAR, ALWAYS AVAILABLE
2. JACOB SURPRISED TO DISCOVER THAT GOD WAS IN THE WILDERNESS - MOSES AT THE BUSH
3. PAUL, "FEEL AFTER HIM AND FIND HIM"..... NOT FAR FROM ANY ONE OF US."
4. WE TAKE HIM FOR GRANTED, AND SAY, "MANY TIME WILL DO TO SEEK GOD - NOW, BUSINESS, PLEASURE."

II THE FLOOD OF GREAT WATERS - TIME OF NEED

1. MOMENT OF DANGER - STORM, WRECK - MAN WHO SET OF BLAST IN WHEEL. NO TIME THEN
2. SICKNESS, PAIN - WE NEED STRENGTH TO ENDURE - WITH PAIN OF BODY, CONFUSION OF MIND, MAYBE EVEN UNCONSCIOUSNESS - HOW SEEK
3. LOSS AND GRIEF - HOW MANY LIKE WILD BIRD IN CAGE, BEATING WINGS FRANTICALLY - THEN WE NEED STRENGTH OF GOD, NO TIME TO SEEK
4. GREAT TEMPTATION AND TRIAL - HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMP. DECISIONS - WE NEED GOD

III GOD IS AVAILABLE NOW - "PRAY... BE FOUND"

1. REGULARITY OF WORSHIP
2. CONFESSION OF SIN AND PARDON - VV. 3-5
3. GROWTH IN XIAN GRACE, TO HAVE RESERVE OF STRENGTH FOR ADVERSITY
- IV SO MUCH FOR OURSELVES - WHAT OF OTHERS?
1. WE ARE HERE, SEEKING, BUT MANY ARE NOT
2. WHERE ARE OUR FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES?
3. FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM - ARE WE DOING

OUR RESPONSE TO FORMS OF WORSHIP

"NEVER DOES NOT AFFLICT HIMSELF ON THIS DAY (OF ATONEMENT) SHALL BE CUT OFF FROM HIS PPL"

-LEVITICUS 23:29

INT - "GET BOGGED DOWN IN LEVITICUS"

I LEVITICUS, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. ONE OF HARDEST BOOKS TO READ - DEALS WITH LAWS, SOCIAL SYSTEMS, FORMS OF WORSHIP COMPLETELY STRANGE TO US

2. BUT IT IS STILL PART OF BIBLE, PART OF GOD'S REVELATION

3. AND TO JEWS IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT BOOK - IT SET FORTH A PLAN OF SYSTEMATIC WORSHIP

II THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

1. MAPPING SOLEMN DAY, ONCE A YEAR, HOLY OF HOLIES, CLIMAX OF WHOLE SYSTEM OF WORSHIP
2. "AFFLICT HIMSELF" I.E., CONSCIOUS PARTICIPATION IN ACTS OF WORSHIP - EVEN BY ABSENTEES
3. A CHALLENGE TO TAKE THIS, ALL WORSHIP, SERIOUSLY -- CUT OFF HOW? TURN HIM OUT? HE CUT HIMSELF OFF

III HOW WE REACT TO FORMS OF WORSHIP

1. EXPERIMENT AT COL SEM - SOME REACT NEG, OTHERS POS, TO SAME THING
2. COMMUNION MONTREAT, 67 - SOME, OLD AS WELL AS YOUNG, FOUND IT RIVERENT, MOVING; OTHERS, BLASPHEMOUS
3. WORSHIPBOOK, CONTEMPORARY LANGUAGE - RC MASS IN ENGLISH

4. ARE FORMS FIXED, INFLEXIBLE? HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT MUSIC? DRUMS AND GUITARS? SONGS WITHOUT MUSICAL BEAUTY OR THEOLOGY? DOES LITURGY "TURN YOU OFF" OR "ON"?

5. IF WE DON'T LIKE THE TYPE OF WORSHIP, WHAT DO WE DO? QUIT COMING TO CHURCH? T. VERNON IV HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT COMMUNION?

1. FORMS OF WORSHIP ARE EXPRESSION OF GOD'S COVENANT LOVE - YOM KIPPUR, ALL, ESP. COMMUNION
2. SOME FIND COM. TRIVIAL, SOME FRIGHTENING
3. MANY DON'T SEEM TO FEEL THAT IT IS ESP. IMPORTANT TO BE THERE FOR IT
4. CAN WE FACE ETERNAL WORSHIP IN HEAVEN?

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" - Ex. 20:7

But - One God - Spiritual worship - The sacred NAME - YAHVEH or Jehovah I Not a Superstitious fear, but an honorable reverence

1. Not "in vain" - that's, not lightly or irreverently
2. Not a prohibition to use it - temple, not desert; holy ground, not polluted. Read com. p. 304
3. Ex. 20:7 "Holy" + reputation of all God's names; titles, attributes, ordinances, word, works.
4. Oath? yes, if necessary, but giving no "yes, yes"

II Negatively - says Cat.

1. Cursing and swearing - Arabs constantly swearing - Fearful thing really to curse, swear to swear
2. Wearingless use of profane expressions - Boots, sugar, towel, etc. - show a wretched lack of vocabulary
3. Equally sinful a form of readily words without humility, "bad, bad... in thy name" - not out of love, but out of hate, ... words?

III Not-hold him guiltless

FELLOW TRAVELERS

"God has granted you all those who sail with you."

-- Acts 27:26

Int. - In movie BEN HUR, Arrius says, "While your god was saving you, he saved the Roman fleet, and me."

I Fellow Travelers

1. Used in bad sense of communist symp.
2. "All who sail with you" - whether by choice or chance or divine providence
3. 276 persons (or phps. 0.76, as Vatican) Owner, captain, and crew, centurion (chief authority), 276 prisoners and passengers
4. "God has granted you" in what sense? Their lives spared. Did they find faith?

All of them? difficult - but all had a new chance, to live, to hear, perhaps to believe

II Who Are Our Fellow Travelers? *Travelers*
1. Members of our families, of our church, people associated with us in business, in school, in community life

2. God has not promised to give us all of them, but what happens to us affects them
3. Especially, what happens in our spir. life and relation to God

III What happens to us in this meeting -- will anything happen? -- will affect other people we don't know.

III Other People's Decisions May Depend on Our Decisions.

1. Centurion risked his life and reputat'n to save Paul. Can we doubt it was because Paul showed calm, courage, faith and energy in the emergency?
2. When Xians act like their faith really means sthg, others see and know - and act

"TO LIVE IS (TO SERVE) X, TO DIE IS (TO BE WITH X,) GAIN.....WHICH I SHALL CHOOSE I CANNOT TELL."

--PHIL. 1:21-22

INT. - IF WE WERE GIVEN A CHOICE BET. LIFE AND DTH.....FOOLISH QUESTION. YET SOME WISH TO DIE AND CAN'T, SOME CLING DESPERATELY.....

I PAUL - I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CHOOSE *death*

1. TO LIVE IS TO SERVE X (AND YOU)
 2. TO DIE IS TO BE WITH X FOREVER - BETTER
 3. I CAN'T CHOOSE - LET GOD CHOOSE FOR ME
- II DO WE HAVE A CHOICE? "AEL WHO HATE ME (WIS) LOVE DEATH." - PROV. 8:36

1. THAT IS, UNLESS WE FIND MEANING IN LIFE, WE ARE REALLY CHOOSING DEATH

2. MOST OF US FACE NECESSITY, HAVE LITTLE CHOICE - WE ARE REQUIRED TO GO TO SCHOOL, THEN WORK OR MILITARY SERVICE,

3. BUT IF YOU WERE RICH, YOUNG, FREE, NO OBLIGATIONS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- A. PLAY, IDLENESS, NOISE? OR SLOTH, SLEEP?
- B. UNLIMITED INDULGENCE IN FOOD, DRINK, SEX, DRUGS? C. SPEED, DANGER, RISK?

D. OR TRAVEL, LEARNING, SKILLS, ACHIEVEMENT? E. WEALTH MAY LAST LONG, HEALTH A WHILE, BUT YOUTH, NO! TERRIBLE TO WAKE UP AND SAY, "ONLY ONE LIFE, NOW THAT IS SHOT, NOTHING ACCOMPLISHED"

ALL DREAMS GONE, NOTHING AHEAD" *Realization of*

4. ONLY ONE LIFE - UNLESS IT HAS MEANING.....
- III "HE WHO LOVES HIS LIFE (WU X) LOSES IT; AND HE WHO HATES HIS LIFE (WU X) IN THIS WORLD WILL KEEP IT FOR ETERNAL LIFE (ZON)"

JOHN 12:25

1. QUOTE ON ZON.
2. IF WE TRY TO HOLD ONTO LIFE, SAY, "IT'S MINE, I'LL USE IT FOR MYSELF AS I PLEASE," IT ELUDES US, WE LOSE IT

3. IF WE "HATE", I.E. DISREGARD THE SELFISH ASPECT OF LIFE, COMMIT OURSELVES TO X, WE KEEP IT AS (ZON) AT ITS FULLEST AND BEST - FOREVER! *2nd time, really, really, really*

4. THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE IT IS TO USE IT UP; TO KEEP IS GIVE IT AWAY TO X

MPRAISE THE LORD -- PSALM 150:1 ET AL

INT. - QUOTATION FROM Helmut Thielicke

IN PRES. OUTLOOK
I PRAISE IS THE ULTIMATE FORM OF PRAYER
1. CONTEMPLATION OF POWER AND MAJESTY OF GOD - "SE NOS CEGA O SOL ARDENTE...."

2. NOT ONLY PHYSICAL POWER, BUT MORAL RIGHTNESS -- ROM. 11:33FF

3. AND EVEN BEYOND ALL THIS, LOVE, MERCY GRACE, GOODNESS
II TO BELONG TO GOD IS OUR UTMOST NEED, UTMOST PRIVILEGE, UTMOST ACHIEVEMENT

1. PAUL AND SILAS, SINGING PRAISE, BEATEN UNJUSTLY, SUFFERING INTENSE PAIN, UNCERTAIN OF FUTURE - BUT THEY BELONGED TO GOD! WHAT WAS ALL THAT IN COMPARISON?

2. MY HOPES, MY DREAMS, AMBITIONS - CLASS PRESIDENT
JOB OR PROMOTION
CITIZEN OF YEAR

3. OF COURSE PRAYERS OF PETITION, FOR WHAT WE NEED, OR THINK WE NEED, BUT INSTEAD OF THINKING JUST OF SELF, OF GOD, MAKE PRAISE THE CENTER OF PRAYER

III WHY PRAISE GOD?
1. IS GOD LIKE A SPOILED CHILD, DEMANDING ATTENTION, PETTING, PRAISE?

2. WE CANNOT ADD ANYTHING TO GOD'S GREATNESS AND PERFECTION, BUT BY PRAISES

- A. WE ARE MADE CONSCIOUS OF HIS GRACES
- B. WE ARE MADE LIKE HIM, PARTAKE OF HIS NATURE
- C. WE TRULY BELONG TO HIM

CON. - JESUS, "THE THAT SAVETH HIS LIFE," WHEN WE LOSE OURSELVES IN PRAISE TO GOD THEN WE REALLY FIND OURSELVES, FIND LIFE

DON'T SELL JOSEPH SHORT

"AND HE ROSE AND TOOK THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER BY NIGHT, AND DEPARTED TO EGYPT, AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL THE DEATH OF HEROD."

--- MATT. 2:14-15

INT. - WE OFTEN FORGET JOSEPH, BUT HE WAS A VITAL PART OF THE PLAN. HE MADE DECISIONS, AND MUST HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON EARLY LIFE OF JESUS.

1. JOSEPH AND HIS DREAMS - LIKE OTHER JOSEPH 1. IT SOUNDS SO EASY, ALWAYS A DREAM TO TELL HIM WHAT TO DO; BUT HOW MUCH WAS DREAM, HOW MUCH WAS DECISION, BASED ON TRUST?

- DECISION TO MARRY MARY
- TO GO (MOVE?) TO BETHLEHEM
- TO FLEE TO EGYPT (NEAREST SAFE PLACE)
- TO RETURN TO JUDAEA
- TO SETTLE IN NAZARETH

II HEROD AND THE MAGI

- HOW LONG AFTER BIRTH OF JESUS? JAN. 6? ("THEY CAME INTO THE HOUSE" NOT STILL IN THE STABLE; AND IT MUST HAVE BEEN AFTER PRESENTATION IN TEMPLE, 41 DAYS)
- HEROD, OLD, NEAR DEATH, STILL JEALOUS OF KINGSHIP, SUSPICIOUS, TRICKY - EXECUTION OF ELDEST SON ANTIPATER, 5 DAYS BEFORE OWN DEATH
- SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS - HOW MANY? OVER HOW LARGE A REGION? ON WHAT PRETEXT?
- OF COURSE JESUS DIDN'T REMEMBER THAT; BUT PROBABLY HEARD OF IT. THAT IS PART OF THE WAY HE BORE OUR SUFFERINGS; THE BLOW AIMED AT HIM KILLED THEM.
- AND HOW DOES HE FEEL NOW, WHEN XIAN (?) NATIONS BOMBARD VILLAGES WITH NAPALM?
- WHAT DOES ALL THIS SAY TO US?
- PART OF KINGSHIP WAS LIFE OF DANGER
- MIGHTY PROVIDENCE OF GOD
- JOSEPH DIDN'T FOLD HANDS AND WAIT FOR PROVIDENCE; HE MADE DECISIONS, ACTED ON THEM
- WE CAN'T ALWAYS HAVE DREAMS, BUT CAN HAVE GUIDANCE, NEED TO ACT ON IT

"JESUS SAID, 'IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD, YOU ARE TRULY MY DISCIPLES, AND YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE'."

---JOHN 8:31-2

INT. - REFORMATION SUNDAY - 450 YEARS

1. THE REFORMATION BEGAN WITH JESUS 1. JESUS WAS CONSIDERED A DANGEROUS RADICAL BEC HE DARED TO SEEK FOR WH BIBLE REALLY MEANT, NOT WHAT CHURCH SAID IT MEANT. "YOU HAVE HEARD

- I SAY..."
- SO WERE THE APOSTLES - "FABRICATOR", "TEACH JESUS TO FORSAKE MOSES" (AC. 21:21)
- SO WERE LUTHER, CALVIN, HUSS, KNOX, ET AL THEY SAID, "LET'S SEE WHAT THE BIBLE REALLY MEANS." THE CHURCH HAD DECIDED WHAT IT MEANT, IT WAS AGAINST LAW TO TEACH OTHERWISE.
- WHO IS TO SAY WHAT THE BIBLE MEANS?

1. DOES THE CHURCH HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY? SOME SAY NO, SOME YES. LUTHERANS AND REFORMED SPELL OUT MORE CLEARLY THAN OTHERS WHAT WE BELIEVE IT MEANS, STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY ASSEMBL AUSBURG CONF., BELGIC CONF., WESTMINSTER CONF NOT INFALLIBLE, BUT HARD TO DEAT

- HOWEVER, EARNEST, SCHOLARLY, GODLY MEN STUDY BIBLE, COME UP WITH ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CONCLUSIONS - EPISC., METH., BAPT., XIAN, CONG., CH. OF X, BRETHREN, ADVENTIST, WITNESS AND QUAKERS - ALL FIND THEIR DOCTRINE IN BIBLE
- DOES THE LAYMAN HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT IN BIBLE TO READ AND INTERPRET SS? YES, SUBJECT TO LIMITATION OF KNOWLEDGE
- IT TAKES THE WHOLE BIBLE TO UNDERSTAND BIBLE WIDELY DIVERSE, IT HAS A UNITY - JESUS X IS WH THE BIBLE IS REALLY ABOUT

III MY DISCIPLES.....KNOW THE TRUTH.....FREE

- WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE FREE? DO AS WE PLEASE
- KNOWLEDGE GIVES FREEDOM TO ACT - IF WE KNOW MUSIC, FREE TO PLAY, LETTERS, ...READ, LOVE... FREE TO LOVE, FORGIVENESS, FREE TO FORGIVE
- PAUL, "I SUFFER...BONDS; WORD OF GOD NOT BOUND"
- ONLY AS WE KNOW X THRO WORD, YIELD TO HIM,

WRESTLING WITH GOD

"AND JACOB WAS LEFT ALONE. (BY THE JABBOCK) AND A MAN (WRESTLER) WRESTLED (P) WITH HIM TILL THE BREAK OF THE DAY."

INT. - GENESIS, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. GENESIS, BOOK OF BEGINNINGS

- NOT FIRST BOOK WRITTEN, BUT AN EFFORT, IN LIGHT OF LATER REVELATIONS, TO PRESERVE AND INTERPRET THE TRADITIONS OF FIRST THINGS.
- HISTORICAL STORY BEGINS WITH ABRAHAM, THE COVENANT, ISAAC, JACOB
- JACOB - COMBINATION OF THE CRETINNESS OF HIS MOTHER'S PEOPLE, STING OF VISION OF ABRAHAM
- ADVENTURE, LOVE, HOME ON THE RANGE ALWAYS DOMINATED BY THE VISION OF BETH-EL
- THE CALL TO GO BACK - CALL OF THE COVENANT JUST AS WE OFTEN SAY, "WHY BOTHER? THIS IS MY DESTINY", BUT GOD SAYS, "SOMETHING ELSE"

II DANGER BEHIND AND BEFORE

- CF. PS. 139:5 - LABAN BEHIND, ESAU BEFORE
- REAL DANGER - OF LOSS OF LIFE, OF PROPERT OF FAMILY

3. CRAFT IN MEETING DANGER - BUT CRAFT NOT ENOUGH. DECISION MUST BE MADE AS TO DIRECTION AND PURPOSE OF LIFE.

- THE RIVER - THE MIDNIGHT CROSSING - THE STRUGGLE WITH WHAT? A MAN? AN ANGEL? WITH HIS OWN CONSCIENCE? WITH WHATEVER ELSE, WITH GOD
- A SORT OF CONVERSION EXPERIENCE

III WHAT WAS JACOB TRYING TO DO? WAS THIS HIS FRIEND OR FOE?

- JACOB ALREADY BELIEVED, TRUSTED GOD TO PROTECT AND HELP (WITH SOME COOP ON HIS PART)
- TRYING TO REACH A DECISION, IF SO WHAT? RETURN BIRTHRIGHT TO E., OR TO ACCEPT RESPI?
- HE WILL NOT LET YOU GO....BLESS ME! WHAT DID HE WANT? DID HE KNOW? WHAT DID HE GET? KNOW?
- TRUE OF ALL SPIR. STRUGGLE - STRIVE, NOT SEND GOD TO OUR WILL, BUT TO BE ASSURED THAT WE ARE HIS.
- NEW NAME - NEVER SAME MAN AGAIN

YOUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN...."

--- MATI, 6:10s
INT. - SERIES ON LORD'S PRAYER

I WHAT AND WHERE IS GOD?

1. IN HEAVEN? AND WHAT AND WHERE IS HEAVEN?
- IS IT A PHYSICAL PLACE? (NO LACK OF ROOM,
IF GOD SHOULD WILL IT SO) AND IF NOT, WHERE?

2. IS GOD "UP THERE" OR "OUT THERE"?
ASTRONAUT DIDN'T SEE GOD IN SPACE - IF HE
HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER, WOULD HE HAVE
SEEN HIM?

3. IDOLATRY - MAKING AN IMAGE OF GOD - IF
WE LET OUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD, USE FINEST
MATERIALS, STILL HOPELESSLY INADEQUATE

4. MENTAL IDOLATRY - CONTENTING OURSELVES
WITH MEAGER IDEA OF GOD - NOT A FATHER, A
GRANDFATHER (I.E., ALL BENEVOLENCE, NO RESP.
NOT EVEN THAT, A GLODFIED SANTA CLAUS

5. READ BRAND, PP. 26-27

II OUR FATHER

1. NOT MERELY CREATION, OR PHYSICAL FLOOD
- PRODIGAL SON, FATHER WAS F ALL WAY THROUGH
BUT NOT HIS F WHEN HE WAS TURNED AGAINST HIM
"MY SON WAS DEAD...." *To call God Father*

2. JESUS CALLED GOD FATHER - SO DID PHAR.
JESUS, "IF GOD...FATHER...DO HIS WORKS - ABRAH
TOO - "YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL"

3. JESUS DID NOT PROVE WHAT HE SAID ABOUT
GOD, HE SAID, "THIS IS IT", JUST AS PROPHETS
SAID, "THUS SAITH THE LORD".

III WE CAN'T PRAY THIS PRAYER ALONE

1. ROM. 8:15-6, "SPIRIT...WITH OUR SPIRIT"

2. WE CAN'T PRAY IN ARROGANCE, BUT HUMILIT
LET NO ONE SAY THIS GLIBLY. THIS IS SOLEM
SERIOUS

3. We cannot pray *ecclesiastical* - we

"UNLESS YOU TURN AND BECOME LIKE CHILDREN,
YOU WILL NEVER ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."

--- MATI. 18:3

INT. - CHILDREN - SINLESS? NOT SINFUL.

NO SIN COMMITTED YET, BUT SINFUL.

I WHAT DID JESUS MEAN, "BE LIKE CHILDREN"?

A. NEGATIVELY - CHILDREN ARE NOT

1. SUSPICIOUS, ENVIOUS

2. JUDGING PPL ON BASIS OF PRESTIGE, POSITIO

3. PRETENDING A LOVE THEY DON'T FEEL

4. IMAGINING THEMSELVES INDEPENDENT

5. CYNICAL - *I Cor. 13:20 - "Before then we live"*

6. HOLDING BITTERNESS, GRUDGES

B. POSITIVELY - CHILDREN ARE:

1. FRANK, PLAINSPOKEN (IF YOU WANT TRUTH....)

2. TRUSTING - "HAS A LITTLE CHILD RELIES...."

3. DISPOSED TO LOVE, TO BE LOVED

II BUT STILL CHILDREN ARE SELFISH

1. THEY WANT THEIR OWN WAY, RESENT WRONGS,
FIGHT BACK

2. WHEN WE BECOME LIKE CHILDREN, WE STILL HAV
OUR OWN SINFUL NATURE TO DEAL WITH

3. WE STILL NEED TO CONFESS AND BE FORGIVEN

4. WE STILL NEED LOVE

5. WE STILL NEED DISCIPLINE

6. WE STILL NEED TO LEARN, TO GROW - "SIMPLE,
CHILDLIKE FAITH" NOT SAME AS CHILDISH REFUSAL
TO ACCEPT ANY NEW IDEA - *in thinking be T&T*

III JESUS CALLS US TO BE OUR REAL SELVES

1. HE WAS NOT LAYING DOWN IMPOSSIBLE CONDITNS
BUT CALLING US FROM ARTIFICIALITY OF OUR LIFE
TO REALITY

2. RELIGION OF SCRIBES (AND OURS) ARTIFICIAL

3. JESUS WAS CALLING US TO LOVE AND TRUST HIM,
TO LOVE AND TRUST ONE ANOTHER, TO RECEIVE HIS
LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

CON. - PIONEERS AT SILLIMAN AT BEATNIK PARTY,
PLAYING KID. GAMES - *Church has become very*
unlike King David. Jesus preached

EARLY XIANS, "HATE ...WITH GLAD AND GENEROUS
HEARTS, PRAISING GOD...FAVOR WITH THE PEOPLEH
THE WORLD DOESN'T NEED WHAT WE SAY ABT GOD,
THE

1. - *fools for T&T*

"Speak to the ...Israel...offering for me;
from every man whose heart makes him will-
ing you shall take the offering." - Ex. 25

Int. - Gold for golden calf - "I'd 2
give more to have church just once."

I A Commandment to the Willing

1. **377**, to Moses and to people, moral
equivalent of command.

2. But not a demand, not a tax, only for
those who were willing.

3. **377**, to make willing, incite. Fr.

same root to volunteer for mil. service
also, Hos. "I will love them freely."

4. "his is like X's com., "Love one another"

II Whose Heart makes him Willing

1. Heb., like us, used "heart" to mean the
inward life, feelings, conscience - *forgive*
from the heart

2. Thus our hearts impel us to accept a
"whom heart made us willing....free"

3. Thus we take people into our homes, not
bec. it is easy, but we WANT to - Missions
"Send him to the hotel...comfortable."

4. In the spir. we volunteer for mil. serv
or go willingly when called

5. In that spir. we say, "Here am I, send"

6. In the spir. we make our offering, our
pledge - not bec. we have so much, don't
need it, but bec. God's work, we WANT to h

III This is the Offering! Gold, etc.

1. How could they give? - slaves!

2. Maybe they had already given all they
had to golden calf - *in spirit of gold*

3. When heart makes willing, we find sthg

4. Many things besides money - wh. can WE
give besides money? Time, personal service

study, Bible rdg, prayer, att. Sun nite...

5. *Brook 7/89 that instead. easier. b*

"THY KINGDOM COME"

--- MATT. 6:10A

INT. - KINGDOM OF GOD - CENTER OF JESUS' PREACHING, YET NEVER DEFINED - LIKE A NET, A SOWER, A MUSTARD SEED, A PEARL, WORTH LOSING ALL ELSE TO GAIN.

1. WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

1. JESUS NEVER DEFINED, BUT OFTEN DESCRIBED. HIS HEARERS KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT; BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE.
2. THE PEOPLE OF GOD - WHAT THE OT WAS ABOUT - NEVER MENTIONED BY THAT NAME IN OT AND SELDOM IN NT OUTSIDE GOSPELS BUT EVERYWHERE PRESENT IN THOUGHT.

3. FORMERLY THE NATION OF ISRAEL, NOT AS A POLITICAL ENTITY, BUT AS THE RULE OF GOD NOW ALL WHO ACCEPT X BY FAITH - 1 PET. 2:10
1. A FACT, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

1. "THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND" BUT UNLIT THOU AT THIS TIME RESTORE THE KINGDOM
3. AND HOW THEN PRAY, "THY KINGDOM COME?"
1. THIS VISIBLE KINGDOM OF GRACE

1. THE CHURCH - A SPIRITUAL IDEA
2. THE CHURCH - THE VISIBLE EXPRESSION
3. "OURSELVES AND OTHERS BROUGHT INTO IT" - GOD RULES IN AFFAIRS OF MEN, BUT A GOVT ISN'T OURS UNLESS WE ACCEPT IT. NOW I'M A GOOD OLD REBEL....."

4. WHEN WE PRAY, "THY KINGDOM COME", WE ACCEPT HIS RULE OVER US.
1. THE KINGDOM OF GLORY

1. EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW...."
2. WE DON'T KNOW HOW OR WHEN THAT WILL BE BUT WE PRAY FOR IT TO COME.
3. WE PRAY FOR ALL ASPECTS OF KINGDOM IN THE PRAYER "THY KINGDOM COME"

→ *us pray that people might be converted*

THALLOWED BY THY NAME

--- MATT. 6:9

INT. - A PREFACE, A CONCLUSION, AND SIX PETITIONS - 3 FOR GOD, 3 FOR US
1. THE HOLY NAME OF GOD

1. DOES IT MATTER BY WHAT NAME WE CALL HIM? IT MUST BE WORTHY OF HIS DIGNITY AND EXPRESSIVE OF HIS ATTRIBUTES

2. NAMES IN BIBLE - ELOHIM, EL, YAHWEH, YAH, LORD, MOST HIGH, ETC.

3. TRINITY, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

4. CAT - WALL WHEREBY HE MAKES HELP KNOWN

5. HIS NAME IS HOLY. WE CAN ADD NOTHING
1. WE PRAY THAT WE MAY RECOGNIZE IT AS HOLY

1. TRUE REVERENCE, OF SPEECH, OF SILENCE OF BEHAVIOR

2. WORSHIP
3. AVOIDING BLASPHEMY AND SACRILEGE

4. "....LORD, LORD, I AND DO NOT WHAT I SAY
5. TREATING SERVICE OF GOD AS IMPORTANT
"PROTESTANTS DON'T THINK IT'S A SIN TO MISS CHURCH".

1. WHAT HAVE WE TO DO WITH WHAT OTHERS THINK OF GOD?

2. IF WE TRULY DESIRE GOD'S GLORY, DO WE NOT DESIRE THAT ALL MEN KNOW AND GLORIFY

3. WHAT THEN OF MISSIONS? OF PERSONAL TESTIMONY? OF PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM OF CHURCH?

4. WHAT OF OUR EXAMPLE? WE SAY IT, BUT DO WE PRAY IT?

→ *we need to didn't mean it. Keep it*

"OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN"

--- MATT. 6:9

INT. - THE LORD'S PRAYER - "AFTER THIS MANNER PRAY YE" (CONTRAST WITH MANNER OF HEATHENS - AND SOME JEWS) - A GUIDE AND MODEL, AND ALSO A PRAYER

1. FATHER

1. NOT A NEW IDEA PS. 103:13, ISA. 63:16
2. RABBIS QUIBBLED ABOUT NAME OF GOD - JESUS CALLED HIM FATHER

3. "THOU SHALT LOVE".... BUT MANY THOT OF HIM WITH TERROR - PHARISEES STRESSED SEVERITY OF GOD IN EXACTING COMPLIANCE WITH CEREMONIAL LAW - "BURDENS, HEAVY, &"

4. JESUS TAUGHT SIMPLICITY OF FAITH
5. "WHICH OF YOU THAT IS A FATHER...." LOVE OF FATHER IN PAR. OF PROB. SON

6. "CALL NO MAN YOUR FATHER...." MATT. 23:9
EARTHLY ANCESTORS UNIMPORTANT - OF J. B. ABRAHAM TO OUR FATHER HAVE THEY SONS OF A.? SO AM I.....GAIN.....LOSS TH. THAT

7. *that's the point is that God is our Father in Heaven by the grace of the Father*

1. HEAVENS - THE UNIVERSE - ISA. "LIFT UP YOUR EYES... WHO CREATED THESE?" WHAT WOULD HE SAY NOW?

2. SOL. - "HEAVEN....CANNOT CONTAIN"

3. "PARADISE" - "3RD HEAVEN" - EVERYWHERE

4. CONCEPT OF SPIR. PLACE - MY F.'S HOUSE
1. OUR - A SOCIAL PRAYER

1. "ONE IS YOUR F.... ALL YE ARE BRETHREN"

2. CAT. "DRAW NEAR....AND THAT WE SHOULD PRAY WITH AND FOR OTHERS"

3. "HAT OTHERS? WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? CAN WE PRAY THUS AND EXCLUDE SOME? AND LEAVE

FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS". *Read Matt 18:23-35* Matt. 6:12

INT. - THREE PETITIONS - FOOD, FORGIVENESS, PROTECTION

DEBTS, TRESPASSES, SINS - CALL THEM WHAT WE MAY, WE NEED FORGIVENESS.

I THE GROUND OF OUR FORGIVENESS

1. NOT STATED HERE, SEC. NOT YET ESTABLISHED
2. DEATH AND RES. OF X, AND OUR ACCEPTANCE OF IT BY FAITH

3. REPENTANCE AND CONFESSION THE MEANS TO FORGIVENESS, NOT GROUNDS OF IT

III A CHALLENGE TO FORGIVE OTHERS

1. "WHICH WE ARE THE RATHER ENCOURAGED TO ASK, BECAUSE ~~WE ARE ENABLED FROM THE HEART~~ HIS GRACE WE ARE ENABLED FROM THE HEART TO FORGIVE OTHERS"

2. MATT. 18:23 - 10,000,000 VS \$20.00

3. NOT A TRAP TO SHUT US OUT OF HEAVEN, BUT A CHALLENGE TO FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

4. "HER SINS, WHICH WERE MANY, ARE FORGIVEN; (THEREFORE) SHE LOVED MUCH".

III SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN

1. GOD'S UNLIMITED GRACE TO US LAYS ON US AN UNLIMITED OBLIGATION.

2. ARE WE TO FORGIVE ONLY THOSE WHO REPENT? (AND DOES THAT MEAN ADMITTING THEY WERE WRONG? MAYBE WE WERE WRONG!)

OP. JESUS, "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO."

3. DEBTORS - KRISTIN, SIMON, IRLEND

CON. - CONFESSING OUR SINS - MAYBE WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THEM. "GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER."

Debtors who can pay should pay - Zacchaeus - 3 notes & 100 Paul 3 an altar

FORGIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD."

--- MATT. 6:11

INT. - LORD'S PRAYER COMPARED WITH 10 COM. - FIRST HALF FOR GOD, SECOND FOR US

1. BREAD - THE STAFF OF LIFE

1. PHYSICAL NECESSITY - "LET THEM EAT OAT MILLIONS NEVER HAVE FULL STOMACH."

2. FOOD - MEAT, MILK, MEDICINE, VITAMINS OUR BODY NEEDS SHELTER, CLOTHING, ETC

3. "A COMPETENT PORTION OF THE GOOD TH OF THIS LIFE, AND ENJOY HIS BLESSING WITH

II DAY BY DAY

1. SECURITY - "LILIES OF THE FIELD: WE ARE ALWAYS DEPENDENT ON GOD, AND CAN DEP. ON HIM."

2. JAMES - "YE KNOW NOT WHAT SHALL BE ON THE MORROW".

3. "DRAGGING THE CHAIN OF NEXT MONTH'S RENT"

III GIVE US

*We pay for ours

1. "THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF."

2. GIVE US - I.E., MAKE AVAILABLE FOR US - POWER TO EARN, SKILL, KNOWLEDGE, FRUITFUL SEASONS, OPPORTUNITY, BUSINESS ACUMEN,

3. FOR OURSELVES ALONE? CAN WE HEAP UP LUXURY FOR OURSELVES WHEN OTHERS ARE CRYING TO GOD FOR FOOD? MAN THAT PAID BOY TO CRAWL UNDER BED WHILE HE ATE EGGS

CON. - "NOT BY BREAD ALONE" - "YOUR F. KNOWETH.....SEEK FIRST KINGDOM AND RIGHTEOUSNESS"

"THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

--- MATT. 6:10

INT. - PRAYER AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP - FIRST THREE PETITIONS, ESP. THIS ONE I THE WILL

1. DIV. OF PSYCH. - INT., EMOT., WILL
 2. WILL POWER
 3. MAN'S FREE AGENCY
- II GOD'S WILL

1. DONE IN HEAVEN --- ON EARTH?

2. "WHY DOETH HE YET FIND FAULT, FOR WHO HATH RESISTED HIS WILL?" *He has not forced all men to it*
3. "NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH" YET MANY DO.

4. "WHAT OF WAR, VICE AND CRIME, CRUELTY AND PERSECUTION, HATRED AND OPPRESSION ETC? ARE THEY THE WILL OF GOD? NO

5. YET GOD WORKS THROUGH AND ABOVE ALL THESE, OVERRULES THEM, AND BRINGS TO PASS AT LEAST WHAT HE HAS PURPOSED.

6. ASPECTS OF GOD'S WILL --- ULTIMATE PURPOSE, DESIRE OF WHAT OUGHT TO BE, AND PERMISSION OF WHAT MAN WILLS AND DOES.

III THY WILL BE DONE

1. WE SUBMIT OURSELVES TO GOD, AND SEEK TO MERGE OUR WILLS WITH HIS.

2. ALL OUR PRAYER SHOULD BE IN THIS SPIRIT --- NOT TO FORCE GOD TO DO OUR WILL, BUT TO BRING OURSELVES TO HIS.

3. TO BRING OURSELVES, NOT INTO THAT PERMISSIVE WILL THAT LETS US GO OUR OWN WAY, BUT INTO WHAT HE REALLY WANTS

CON. - "PRAYER IS THE OFFERING UP OUR DESIRES (WILLS)...."

"LAID ON THINE ALTAR, O MY LORD DIVINE"

ALABASTER CITIES

"BY ITS LIGHT SHALL THE NATIONS WALK; AND THE KINGS OF THE EARTH SHALL BRING THEIR GLORY INTO IT."
-- REV. 21:24

INT. - CHANGE NAT. ANTHEM TO AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL - PATRIOT DREAM...ALABASTER CITIES... TWO CONCEPTS OF SALVATION 40

1. "SAVE YOURSELVES...CROOKED GENERATION AC.2:1 WORLD FULL OF EVIL, DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION, GET OUT WHILE YOU CAN - OR, IF NOT OUT, OR LIKE LOT (11 PET. 2:6) VEXED HIS SOUL OR LIKE JUDE 23, SNATCHING OUT OF FIRE - AND WHAT ABOUT OTHERS? DO WE CARE ABOUT THEM DOES GOD CARE? ABOUT THAT WORLD? ABOUT CITIES? 2. WE ARE A COLONY OF HEAVEN (PHIL. 3:20) 3:12 NEW HEAVEN, NEW EARTH...RIGHT. DWELLS IN PER NOT JUST HEAVEN AFTER DEATH, BUT NEW HUMAN SOCIETY - "NATIONS WALK...KINGS...GLORY"

- 11 O HOLY CITY, SEEN OF JOHN
1. VISION IN REV. NOT JUST PREDICT OF STHG DUE TO HAPPEN ONE DAY, BUT OF WH CAN BE BLIND, RELEASE PRISONERS" NOT ONLY THAT, BUT HE DID PREACH THAT!

3. ALABASTER CITIES - NIGHT...CUMBERLANDS - CITIES FULL OF SIN, VICE, CRIME, MISERY - WALLS STREETS LOOKING FOR JOB - HOW DOES IT LOOK TO PPL WITH NO SKILL, KNOWING NTHG BUT CRIME, ETC
4. O HOLY CITY - VISION, COMPARED TO WHAT IS 111 GIVE US, O GOD, THE STRENGTH TO BUILD
1. WHAT CAN BE DONE TO BRING VISION TO REALITY - TO END SQUALOR OF GHETTO, SELFISHNESS OF SUBURBIA?

2. WHAT CAN THE CHURCH DO? SPAN. 1ETH. HARLEM AND YOUNG LORDS - "H. YL DID WAS WRONG, BUT WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE CHURCH FACE BOTH CONCEPTS OF SALVATION?

3. WHAT CAN WE IN R. 1. DO? OFFERINGS? COM. SERVICE? BUT ESP. CONCERN, SEEKING WAYS TO HELP
4. *already in the mind of God...*

"THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOR EVER. AMEN". -- MATT. 6:13

INT. - CONCLUSION OF LORD'S PRAYER I NOT REALLY PART OF IT

1. NOT IN RSV - SHOCKING!
2. IT IS IN LATER GREEK MSS, AND THUS IN TEXTUS RECEPTUS, BUT JEROME REJECTED, NOT IN VULGATE - R.C.'S LEAVE OUT
3. ALSO, NOT IN LUKE'S VERSION
4. NOT INCLUDED IN BK OF COM PR TILL CHAS
5. BUT IN SOME ANCIENT VERSIONS, AND IN TEACHING OF TWELVE

11 THIS IS A FITTING DOXOLOGY - EVEN IF NOT PART OF THE PRAYER AS RECORDED FROM JESUS, MAY STILL HAVE BEEN USED BY HIM, WAS USED BY EARLY CHURCH

1. "THY KINGDOM COME" VS "THINE IS THE K." WE PRAY THAT THE K. IN ITS FULLNESS, MAY BE REALIZED; IN CONCLUSION WE ACCEPT IT AS FACT
2. THAT IS, WE TAKE OUR STAND, "FOR ME, X IS KING, AND WORTHY OF ALL GLORY AND POWER"
3. MOREOVER, WE SAY AMEN - NOT JUST A SIGN OF THE END OF THE PRAYER -

HEB. 12:2 VERB, BE FIRM, ESTABLISH 17:15 NOUN, FAITHFULNESS, FAITH, AS IN HAB. 2:4

4. "SO LET IT BE" - PSALM 106:48 111 SHORTER CATECHISM

1. TEACHES US TO TAKE OUR ENCOURAGEMENT IN PRAYER FROM GOD ALONE (NOT FROM LENGTH, REPETITION, POSITION, ETC.)

2. IN OUR PRAYER TO PRAISE HIM...KDOM, ETC
3. TESTIMONY OF OUR DESIRE AND ASSURANCE TO BE HEARD - AMEN

"LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL."

INT. - TESTING - AND BREAKING - THE REPAIRED GUN STOCK. 1 PUTTING US TO THE TRIAL

1. "FIERY ORDEAL" 1 PET. 4:12 - COULD WE FACE IT, AND HOLD FAST OUR FAITH?
2. LUKE 6:13 - "HAD NO FOOT...BELIEVE FOR A TIME...TEMPTATION COMES, FALL AWAY".
3. ENTICEMENT TO SIN, BY FORCES WITHOUT OR WITHIN - 1 TIM. 6:13 "THEY THAT WANT TO BE RICH FALL INTO TEMPTATION"
4. JAMES 1:14 - "LURED AND ENTICED BY HIS OWN DESIRE" - "OXIAN, DOST THOU SEE THEM?" 11 DELIVER US FROM EVIL
1. THE SUREST WAY TO GO THAT IS TO KEEP US FROM TEMPTATION.
2. "LET HIM THAT THINKETH HE STANDETH,..."
3. JAMES 1:13 "LET NO MAN SAY, 'I AM T. OF GOD'. GOD DOES NOT TEMPT, BUT HIS PROVIDENCE SOMETIMES ALLOWS US TO BE TEMPTED AND TRIED. BUT ESCAPE IT IF YOU CAN!
4. "FLEE IDOLATRY" STAGECOACH DRIVER
5. "LET ME NOT WALK CARELESSLY TODAY WHERE THERE IS TEMPTATION GREATER THAN I CAN BEAT 111 BUT - IF TRIAL COMES, MEET IT WITH COURAGE AND RESOLUTION

1. JAMES AGAIN - "COUNT IT ALL JOY" "BLEST IS THE MAN THAT ENDOURETH"
2. IT IS POSSIBLE - 1 COR. 10:13 - "NOT SUFFER TO BE TEMPTED ABOVE THAT YE ARE ABLE"
3. STUDDART-KENNEDY - "TEACH MY BOY TO PRAY NOT 'MAKE MY DADDY SAFE' BUT 'MAKE MY DADDY BRAVE...HARD' THINGS...STRONG TO DO THEM"
4. "THANK GOD A SECOND TIME..."